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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE *ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017
OR
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to
Commission file number 001-35151
AG MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.
AU MONTUAUE III VEGIMENT INUSI, INC.

Maryland 27-5254382
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

245 Park Avenue, 26th Floor New York, New York

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 692-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 and Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filed, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated filer "Accelerated filer x Non-Accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company "Emerging growth company "(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x

As of October 23, 2017, there were 28,192,541 outstanding shares of common stock of AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc.

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PART I

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Real estate securities, at fair value:		
Agency - \$1,857,336,576 and \$972,232,174 pledged as collateral, respectively	\$ 2,057,208,953	\$ 1,057,663,726
Non-Agency - \$905,878,564 and \$990,985,143 pledged as collateral, respectively	929,893,801	1,043,017,308
ABS - \$35,918,646 and \$21,231,956 pledged as collateral, respectively	53,223,788	21,231,956
CMBS - \$208,535,553 and \$201,464,058 pledged as collateral, respectively	211,835,559	211,652,660
Residential mortgage loans, at fair value - \$20,767,883 and \$31,031,107 pledged as collateral, respectively	23,867,531	38,195,576
Commercial loans, at fair value - \$32,800,000 pledged as collateral	57,398,663	60,068,800
Investments in debt and equity of affiliates	89,081,520	72,215,919
Excess mortgage servicing rights, at fair value	2,680,564	412,648
Cash and cash equivalents	61,716,545	52,469,891
Restricted cash	40,853,714	26,583,527
Interest receivable	11,798,960	8,570,383
Receivable on unsettled trades - \$0 and \$3,057,814 pledged as collateral, respectively	-	3,633,161
Receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	-	22,680,000
Derivative assets, at fair value	1,027,846	3,703,366
Other assets	3,347,648	5,600,341
Due from broker	538,842	945,304
Total Assets	\$ 3,544,473,934	\$ 2,628,644,566
Liabilities		
Repurchase agreements	\$ 2,694,551,824	\$ 1,900,509,806
Securitized debt, at fair value	17,221,071	21,491,710
Loan participation payable, at fair value	-	1,800,000

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Obligation to return securities borrowed under reverse repurchase	_		22,365,000	
agreements, at fair value			22,505,000	
Payable on unsettled trades	95,429,430		-	
Interest payable	5,342,257		2,570,854	
Derivative liabilities, at fair value	2,124,550		2,907,255	
Dividend payable	16,208,929		13,157,573	
Due to affiliates	4,377,194		3,967,622	
Accrued expenses	799,895		1,068,779	
Taxes payable	1,176,883		1,717,883	
Due to broker	616,020		1,211,694	
Total Liabilities	2,837,848,053		1,972,768,176	
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)				
Stockholders' Equity				
Preferred stock - \$0.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized:				
8.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, 2,070,000				
shares issued and outstanding (\$51,750,000 aggregate liquidation	49,920,772		49,920,772	
preference)				
8.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, 4,600,000				
shares issued and outstanding (\$115,000,000 aggregate liquidation	111,293,233		111,293,233	
preference)				
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 450,000,000 shares of common				
stock authorized and 28,189,441 and 27,700,154 shares issued and	281,896		277,002	
outstanding at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	,		,	
Additional paid-in capital	585,395,566		576,276,322	
Retained earnings/(deficit)	(40,265,586)	(81,890,939)
Total Stockholders' Equity	706,625,881		655,876,390	
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Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$ 3,544,473,934		\$ 2,628,644,566	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
Net Interest Income Interest income Interest expense	\$ 33,592,587 11,959,225 21,633,362	\$ 30,573,134 8,525,365 22,047,769	\$ 92,773,014 30,322,030 62,450,984	\$ 91,470,588 25,482,661 65,987,927
Other Income Net realized gain/(loss) Realized loss on periodic interest	22,286	9,578,488	(12,527,278) (8,725,255)
settlements of derivative instruments, net	(2,147,452) (1,034,251) (5,614,971) (5,019,565)
Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	14,892,809	13,461,216	53,189,925	33,260,103
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	2,422,713	6,961,061	4,224,010	(4,792,369)
Other income	2,325 15,192,681	341,345 29,307,859	34,207 39,305,893	368,731 15,091,645
Expenses Management fee to affiliate Other operating expenses Servicing fees Equity based compensation to affiliate Excise tax	2,454,083 2,602,473 22,991 60,859 375,000 5,515,406	2,451,387 2,870,662 121,806 75,774 238,167 5,757,796	7,373,679 8,247,060 184,993 225,877 1,125,000 17,156,609	7,322,312 8,581,726 359,150 217,928 988,167 17,469,283
Income/(loss) before equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	31,310,637	45,597,832	84,600,268	63,610,289
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates Net Income/(Loss)	4,700,800 36,011,437	534,133 46,131,965	9,699,962 94,300,230	1,154,390 64,764,679
Dividends on preferred stock	3,367,354	3,367,354	10,102,062	10,102,062
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 32,644,083	\$ 42,764,611	\$ 84,198,168	\$ 54,662,617

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Earnings/(Loss) Per Share of Common				
Stock				
Basic	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.95
Diluted	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.95
Weighted Average Number of Shares				
of Common Stock Outstanding				
Basic	27,841,452	27,802,124	27,756,357	28,036,809
Diluted	27,856,765	27,804,154	27,770,299	28,036,809

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Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

(Unaudited)

	Common Sto	ock Amount	8.25 % Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred	8.00 % Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred	Additional Paid-in	Retained Earnings/(Defic	Thatal
.	Silares	7 miount	Stock	Stock	Capital	Earnings/(Deriv	Ligitar
Balance at January 1, 2016	28,286,210	\$282,863	\$49,920,772	\$111,293,233	\$584,581,995	\$(79,134,150)	\$666,944,713
Repurchase of common stock Grant of	(614,695)	(6,147)	-	-	(8,723,881)	-	(8,730,028)
restricted stock and amortization of equity based compensation	26,735	267	-	-	307,567	-	307,834
Common dividends declared Preferred	-	-	-	-	-	(39,812,571)	(39,812,571)
Series A dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	(3,202,062)	(3,202,062)
Preferred Series B dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	(6,900,000)	(6,900,000)
Net Income/(Loss)	-	-	-	-	-	64,764,679	64,764,679
Balance at September 30, 2016	27,698,250	\$276,983	\$49,920,772	\$111,293,233	\$576,165,681	\$(64,284,104)	\$673,372,565
Balance at January 1, 2017	27,700,154	\$277,002	\$49,920,772	\$111,293,233	\$576,276,322	\$(81,890,939)	\$655,876,390
Net proceeds from issuance	460,932	4,610	-	-	8,713,545	-	8,718,155

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of common stock Grant of							
restricted stock and amortization of equity based compensation	28,355	284	-	-	405,699	-	405,983
Common dividends declared Preferred	-	-	-	-	-	(42,572,815)	(42,572,815)
Series A dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	(3,202,062)	(3,202,062)
Preferred Series B dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	(6,900,000)	(6,900,000)
Net Income/(Loss)	-	-	-	-	-	94,300,230	94,300,230
Balance at September 30, 2017	28,189,441	\$281,896	\$49,920,772	\$111,293,233	\$585,395,566	\$(40,265,586)	\$706,625,881

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income/(loss)	\$ 94,300,230	\$ 64,764,679
Adjustments to reconcile net income/(loss) to net cash provided by (used		
in) operating activities:		
Net amortization of premium	6,264,375	5,671,320
Net realized (gain)/loss	12,527,278	8,725,255
Unrealized (gains)/losses on real estate securities and loans, net	(53,189,925) (33,260,103)
Unrealized (gains)/losses on derivative and other instruments, net	(4,224,010) 4,792,369
Equity based compensation to affiliate	225,877	217,928
Equity based compensation expense	180,106	89,906
Income from investments in debt and equity of affiliates in excess of	(1.025.420	1
distributions received	(1,935,439) -
Change in operating assets/liabilities:		
Interest receivable	(3,230,086) 2,284,296
Other assets	69,909	334,590
Due from broker	(6,084) 273,654
Interest payable	7,729,867	(1,200,911)
Due to affiliates	409,572	180,446
Accrued expenses	(256,610) (633,420)
Taxes payable	(541,000) (521,833)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	58,324,060	51,718,176
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of real estate securities	(1,572,649,795) (523,078,732)
Origination of commercial loans	-	(10,428,437)
Purchase of commercial loans	(10,270,833) -
Purchase of U.S. Treasury securities	-	(358,417,649)
Purchase of excess mortgage servicing rights	(2,435,617) -
Investments in debt and equity of affiliates	(14,861,310) (21,170,503)
Proceeds from sales of real estate securities	467,285,986	278,119,764
Proceeds from sales of residential mortgage loans	13,760,936	35,606,480
Proceeds from sales of U.S. treasury securities	-	487,081,984
Distribution received from investments in debt and equity of affiliates	-	315,983
Principal repayments on real estate securities	319,138,675	291,000,339
Principal repayments on commercial loans	13,478,194	40,000,000
Principal repayments on residential mortgage loans	5,871,829	2,476,335
Net proceeds from/(payments made) on reverse repurchase agreements	22,680,932	(45,942,668)

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Net proceeds from/(payments made) on sales of securities borrowed under reverse repurchase agreements	(22,413,242)	45,281,749	
Net settlement of interest rate swaps and other instruments	(13,728,973)	(10,613,258)
Net settlement of TBAs	3,002,891	,	445,586	,
Proceeds from redemption of FHLBC Stock	-		8,013,900	
Cash flows provided by/(used in) other investing activities	3,366,843		1,271,471	
Restricted cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(21,212,643)	(669,691)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(808,986,127)	219,292,653	,
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Repurchase of common stock	-		(9,928,615)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	8,730,428		-	
Borrowings under repurchase agreements	26,155,914,394		64,813,220,211	
Borrowings under FHLBC advances	-		147,215,991	
Repayments of repurchase agreements	(25,362,642,476)	(64,621,819,962)
Repayments of FHLBC advances	-		(544,109,991)
Proceeds from transfer of loan participation	-		1,564,266	
Repayments of loan participation	(1,800,000)	-	
Net collateral received from/(paid to) derivative counterparty	3,358,258		(4,324,597)
Net collateral received from/(paid to) repurchase counterparty	5,971,639		(2,787,829)
Dividends paid on common stock	(39,521,460)	(40,152,041)
Dividends paid on preferred stock	(10,102,062)	(10,102,062)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	759,908,721		(271,224,629)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	9,246,654		(213,800)
Cash and cash equivalents, Beginning of Period	52,469,891		46,253,291	,
Cash and cash equivalents, End of Period	\$61,716,545		\$46,039,491	
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Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid for interest on repurchase agreements and FHLBC advances	\$ 26,763,198		\$ 24,187,601	
Cash paid for income tax	\$1,732,709	,	\$ 1,580,020	
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing and investing activities:				
Principal repayments on real estate securities not yet received	\$ 479,994		\$ 2,137,131	
Common stock dividends declared but not paid	\$ 16,208,929		\$ 13,156,669	
Decrease in securitized debt	\$4,310,904		\$ 5,706,520	
Transfer from residential mortgage loans to other assets	\$ 2,305,814		\$ 1,793,761	
Transfer from investments in debt and equity of affiliates to CMBS	\$ -		\$3,103,111	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

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1. Organization

AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the state of Maryland on March 1, 2011. The Company is focused on investing in, acquiring and managing a diversified portfolio of residential mortgage-backed securities, or RMBS, issued or guaranteed by a government-sponsored entity such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (collectively, "GSEs"), or any agency of the U.S. Government such as Ginnie Mae (collectively, "Agency RMBS"), and other real estate-related securities and financial assets, including Non-Agency RMBS, ABS, CMBS and loans (as defined below).

Non-Agency RMBS represent fixed- and floating-rate RMBS issued by entities or organizations other than a U.S. government-sponsored entity or agency of the U.S. government, including investment grade (AAA through BBB) and non-investment grade classes (BB and below). The mortgage loan collateral for Non-Agency RMBS consists of residential mortgage loans that do not generally conform to underwriting guidelines issued by U.S. government agencies or U.S. government-sponsored entities.

Asset Backed Securities ("ABS") are securitized investments similar to the aforementioned investments except the underlying assets are diverse, not only representing real estate related assets.

Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities ("CMBS") represent investments of fixed- and floating-rate CMBS, including investment grade (AAA through BBB) and non-investment grade classes (BB and below) secured by, or evidence an ownership interest in, a single commercial mortgage loan or a pool of commercial mortgage loans.

Collectively, the Company refers to Agency RMBS, Non-Agency RMBS, ABS and CMBS asset types as "real estate securities" or "securities".

Commercial loans are secured by an interest in commercial real estate and represent a contractual right to receive money on demand or on fixed or determinable dates. Residential mortgage loans refer to performing, re-performing

and non-performing loans secured by a first lien mortgage on residential mortgaged property located in any of the 50 states of the United States or in the District of Columbia. The Company refers to its residential and commercial mortgage loans as "mortgage loans" or "loans."

The Company is externally managed by AG REIT Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Manager"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P. ("Angelo, Gordon"), a privately-held, SEC-registered investment adviser, pursuant to a management agreement. The Manager, pursuant to a delegation agreement dated as of June 29, 2011, has delegated to Angelo, Gordon the overall responsibility of its day-to-day duties and obligations arising under the management agreement.

The Company conducts its operations to qualify and be taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial reporting and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement for the interim period of the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature. The operating results presented for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the entire year.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is comprised of cash on deposit with financial institutions. The Company classifies highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase as cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company held no cash equivalents. The Company places its cash with high credit quality institutions to minimize credit risk exposure. Cash pledged to the Company as collateral is unrestricted in use and, accordingly, is included as a component of "Cash and cash equivalents" on the consolidated balance sheets. Any cash held by the Company as collateral is included in the "Due to broker" line item on the consolidated balance sheets and in cash flows from financing activities on the consolidated statement of cash flows. Any cash due to the Company in the form of principal payments is included in the "Due from broker" line item on the consolidated balance sheets and

in cash flows from operating activities on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

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Restricted cash

Restricted cash includes cash pledged as collateral for clearing and executing trades, derivatives and repurchase agreements and is not available to the Company for general corporate purposes. Restricted cash may be returned to the Company when the related collateral requirements are exceeded or at the maturity of the derivative or repurchase agreement. Restricted cash is carried at cost, which approximates fair value. Restricted cash does not include variation margin on centrally cleared derivatives. See Note 7 for more detail.

Offering costs

The Company incurred offering costs in connection with common stock offerings. The offering costs were paid out of the proceeds of the respective offerings. Offering costs in connection with common stock offerings have been accounted for as a reduction of additional paid-in capital.

Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Earnings/(Loss) per share

In accordance with the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 260, "Earnings per Share," the Company calculates basic income/(loss) per share by dividing net income/(loss) available to common stockholders for the period by weighted-average shares of the Company's common stock outstanding for that period. Diluted income per share

takes into account the effect of dilutive instruments, such as stock options, warrants, unvested restricted stock and unvested restricted stock units but uses the average share price for the period in determining the number of incremental shares that are to be added to the weighted-average number of shares outstanding. In periods in which the Company records a loss, potentially dilutive securities are excluded from the diluted loss per share calculation, as their effect on loss per share is anti-dilutive.

Valuation of financial instruments

The fair value of the financial instruments that the Company records at fair value will be determined by the Manager, subject to oversight of the Company's board of directors, and in accordance with ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures." When possible, the Company determines fair value using independent data sources. ASC 820 establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques giving the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements) when market prices are not readily available or reliable.

The three levels of the hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

• Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Prices determined using other significant observable inputs. These may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk and others.

Level 3 – Prices determined using significant unobservable inputs. In situations where quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable (for example, when there is little or no market activity for an investment at the end of the period), unobservable inputs may be used. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions about the factors that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

Transfers between levels are assumed to occur at the beginning of the reporting period.

Accounting for real estate securities

Investments in real estate securities are recorded in accordance with ASC 320-10, "Investments – Debt and Equity Securities", ASC 325-40, "Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets", or ASC 310-30, "Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality". The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825, "Financial Instruments" for its real estate securities portfolio. Real estate securities are recorded at fair market value on the consolidated balance sheets and the periodic change in fair market value is recorded in current

period earnings on the consolidated statement of operations as a component of "Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net." Real estate securities acquired through securitizations are shown in the line item "Purchase of real estate securities" on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

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These investments meet the requirements to be classified as available for sale under ASC 320-10-25 which requires the securities to be carried at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets with changes in fair value recorded to other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders' equity. Electing the fair value option allows the Company to record changes in fair value in the consolidated statement of operations, which, in management's view, more appropriately reflects the results of operations for a particular reporting period as all securities activities will be recorded in a similar manner.

When the Company purchases securities with evidence of credit deterioration since origination, it will analyze to determine if the guidance found in ASC 310-30 is applicable.

The Company accounts for its securities under ASC 310 and ASC 325 and evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") on at least a quarterly basis. The determination of whether a security is other-than-temporarily impaired involves judgments and assumptions based on subjective and objective factors. When the fair value of a real estate security is less than its amortized cost at the balance sheet date, the security is considered impaired, and the impairment is designated as either "temporary" or "other-than-temporary."

When a real estate security is impaired, an OTTI is considered to have occurred if (i) the Company intends to sell the security (i.e., a decision has been made as of the reporting date) or (ii) it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. If the Company intends to sell the security or if it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the real estate security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the entire amount of the impairment loss, if any, is recognized in earnings as a realized loss and the cost basis of the security is adjusted to its fair value. Additionally for securities accounted for under ASC 325-40 an OTTI is deemed to have occurred when there is an adverse change in the expected cash flows to be received and the fair value of the security is less than its carrying amount. In determining whether an adverse change in cash flows occurred, the present value of the remaining cash flows, as estimated at the initial transaction date (or the last date previously revised), is compared to the present value of the expected cash flows at the current reporting date. The estimated cash flows reflect those a "market participant" would use and include observations of current information and events, and assumptions related to fluctuations in interest rates, prepayment speeds and the timing and amount of potential credit losses. Cash flows are discounted at a rate equal to the current yield used to accrete interest income. Any resulting OTTI adjustments are reflected in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations.

The determination as to whether an OTTI exists is subjective, given that such determination is based on information available at the time of assessment as well as the Company's estimate of the future performance and cash flow projections for the individual security. As a result, the timing and amount of an OTTI constitutes an accounting estimate that may change materially over time.

Increases in interest income may be recognized on a security on which the Company previously recorded an OTTI charge if the performance of such security subsequently improves.

Any remaining unrealized losses on securities at September 30, 2017 do not represent other than temporary impairment as the Company has the ability and intent to hold the securities to maturity or for a period of time sufficient for a forecasted market price recovery up to or above the amortized cost of the investment, and the Company is not required to sell the security for regulatory or other reasons. In addition, any unrealized losses on the Company's Agency RMBS accounted for under ASC 320 are not due to credit losses given their explicit guarantee of principal and interest by the GSEs, but rather are due to changes in interest rates and prepayment expectations. See Note 3 for a summary of OTTI charges recorded.

Sales of securities

Sales of securities are driven by the Manager's portfolio management process. The Manager seeks to mitigate risks including those associated with prepayments, defaults, severities, amongst others and will opportunistically rotate the portfolio into securities with more favorable attributes. Strategies may also be employed to manage net capital gains, which need to be distributed for tax purposes.

Realized gains or losses on sales of securities, loans and derivatives are included in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations. The cost of positions sold is calculated using a first in, first out, or FIFO, basis. Realized gains and losses are recorded in earnings at the time of disposition.

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Accounting for mortgage loans

Investments in mortgage loans are recorded in accordance with ASC 310-10. At purchase, the Company aggregates its mortgage loans into pools based on common risk characteristics. Once a pool of loans is assembled, its composition is maintained. The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for its mortgage loan portfolio. Loans are recorded at fair market value on the consolidated balance sheets and any periodic change in fair market value will be recorded in current period earnings on the consolidated statement of operations as a component of "Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net."

The Company amortizes or accretes any premium or discount over the life of the related loan utilizing the effective interest method. On at least a quarterly basis, the Company evaluates the collectability of both interest and principal of each loan, if circumstances warrant, to determine whether they are impaired. A loan is impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the existing contractual terms. When a loan is impaired, the amount of the loss accrual is calculated and recorded accordingly. Income recognition is suspended for loans at the earlier of the date at which payments become 90-days past due or when, in the opinion of management, a full recovery of income and principal becomes doubtful. When the ultimate collectability of the principal of an impaired loan is in doubt, all payments are applied to principal under the cost recovery method. When the ultimate collectability of the principal of an impaired loan is not in doubt, contractual interest is recorded as interest income when received, under the cash basis method until an accrual is resumed when the loan becomes contractually current and performance is demonstrated to be resumed. A loan is written off when it is no longer realizable and/or legally discharged.

When the Company purchases mortgage loans with evidence of credit deterioration since origination and it determines that it is probable it will not collect all contractual cash flows on those loans, it will apply the guidance found in ASC 310-30. Mortgage loans that are delinquent 60 or more days are considered non-performing.

The Company updates its estimate of the cash flows expected to be collected on at least a quarterly basis for loans accounted for under ASC 310-30. In estimating these cash flows, there are a number of assumptions that will be subject to uncertainties and contingencies including both the rate and timing of principal and interest receipts, and assumptions of prepayments, repurchases, defaults and liquidations. If based on the most current information and events it is probable that there is a significant increase in cash flows previously expected to be collected or if actual

cash flows are significantly greater than cash flows previously expected, the Company will recognize these changes prospectively through an adjustment of the loan's yield over its remaining life. The Company will adjust the amount of accretable yield by reclassification from the nonaccretable difference. The adjustment is accounted for as a change in estimate in conformity with ASC 250, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections" with the amount of periodic accretion adjusted over the remaining life of the loan. Decreases in cash flows expected to be collected from previously projected cash flows, which includes all cash flows originally expected to be collected by the investor plus any additional cash flows expected to be collected arising from changes in estimate after acquisition, are recognized as impairment. Increases in interest income may be recognized on a loan on which the Company previously recorded an OTTI charge if the performance of such loan subsequently improves.

Investments in debt and equity of affiliates

The Company's unconsolidated ownership interests in affiliates are accounted for using the equity method. A majority of the Company's investments held through affiliated entities are comprised of real estate securities and loans. These underlying entities have chosen to make a fair value election on their financial instruments pursuant to ASC 825; as such, the Company will treat these investments consistently with this election. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, these investments had a fair market value of \$79.8 million and \$69.0 million, respectively.

In December 2015, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon, through AG Arc LLC, one of the Company's indirect subsidiaries ("AG Arc"), formed Arc Home LLC ("Arc Home"). The Company has chosen to make a fair value election with respect to its investment in AG Arc pursuant to ASC 825. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's interest in AG Arc had a fair market value of \$17.8 million and \$12.9 million, respectively. See Note 10 for additional detail.

In August 2017, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon, formed Mortgage Acquisition Holding I LLC ("MATH") to conduct a residential mortgage investment strategy. MATH in turn sponsored the formation of an entity called Mortgage Acquisition Trust I LLC ("MATT"), which is expected to make an election to be treated as a Real Estate Investment Trust beginning with the 2018 tax year. MATT intends to purchase residential mortgage loans that are not eligible for delivery to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae. In furtherance of this business, MATH's sponsoring funds, which include the Company, have agreed to provide up to \$75.0 million of capital to MATH for use in this mortgage investment business. The Company's share of MATH's total capital commitment to MATT is \$33.4 million. The Company will invest in MATT through MATH, and these indirect subsidiaries have chosen to make a fair value election on their respective financial instruments pursuant to ASC 825. As such, the Company will treat this investment consistently with this election. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had not funded any of its commitment to MATH.

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The Company's investments in debt and equity of affiliates are recorded at fair market value on the consolidated balance sheets in the "Investments in debt and equity of affiliates" line item and periodic changes in fair market value are recorded in current period earnings on the consolidated statement of operations as a component of "Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates." Capital contributions, distributions and profits and losses of such entities are allocated in accordance with the terms of the applicable agreements.

Excess mortgage servicing rights

The Company has acquired the right to receive the excess servicing spread related to excess mortgage servicing rights ("Excess MSRs"). The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for Excess MSRs. Excess MSRs are recorded at fair market value on the consolidated balance sheets and any periodic change in fair market value is recorded in current period earnings on the consolidated statement of operations as a component of "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net."

Investment consolidation and transfers of financial assets

For each investment made, the Company evaluates the underlying entity that issued the securities acquired or to which the Company makes a loan to determine the appropriate accounting. A similar analysis will be performed for each entity with which the Company enters into an agreement for management, servicing or related services. In performing the analysis, the Company refers to guidance in ASC 810-10, "Consolidation." In situations where the Company is the transferor of financial assets, the Company refers to the guidance in ASC 860-10 "Transfers and Servicing."

In variable interest entities ("VIEs"), an entity is subject to consolidation under ASC 810-10 if the equity investors either do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, are unable to direct the entity's activities or are not exposed to the entity's losses or entitled to its residual returns. VIEs within the scope of ASC 810-10 are required to be consolidated by their primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary of a VIE is determined to be the party that has both the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses of the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant

to the VIE. This determination can sometimes involve complex and subjective analyses. Further, ASC 810-10 also requires ongoing assessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a VIE. In accordance with ASC 810-10, all transferees, including variable interest entities, must be evaluated for consolidation. See Note 3 for more detail.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis." This standard modifies existing consolidation guidance for reporting organizations that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. The company adopted ASU 2015-02 on January 1, 2016 using the modified retrospective approach, which did not require the restatement of prior periods to conform to the post-adoption presentation. The Company concluded the adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on its financial statements.

The Company has entered into resecuritization transactions which result in the Company consolidating the VIEs that were created to facilitate the transactions and to which the underlying assets in connection with the resecuritization were transferred. In determining the accounting treatment to be applied to these resecuritization transactions, the Company evaluated whether the entities used to facilitate these transactions were VIEs and, if so, whether they should be consolidated. Based on its evaluation, the Company concluded that the VIEs should be consolidated. If the Company had determined that consolidation was not required, it would have then assessed whether the transfer of the underlying assets would qualify as a sale or should be accounted for as secured financings under GAAP.

The Company may periodically enter into transactions in which it transfers assets to a third party. Upon a transfer of financial assets, the Company will sometimes retain or acquire senior or subordinated interests in the related assets. Pursuant to ASC 860-10, a determination must be made as to whether a transferor has surrendered control over transferred financial assets. That determination must consider the transferor's continuing involvement in the transferred financial asset, including all arrangements or agreements made contemporaneously with, or in contemplation of, the transfer, even if they were not entered into at the time of the transfer. The financial components approach under ASC 860-10 limits the circumstances in which a financial asset, or portion of a financial asset, should be derecognized when the transferor has not transferred the entire original financial asset to an entity that is not consolidated with the transferred financial asset. It defines the term "participating interest" to establish specific conditions for reporting a transfer of a portion of a financial asset as a sale.

Under ASC 860-10, after a transfer of financial assets that meets the criteria for treatment as a sale—legal isolation, ability of transferee to pledge or exchange the transferred assets without constraint and transferred control—an entity recognizes the financial and servicing assets it acquired or retained and the liabilities it has incurred, derecognizes financial assets it has sold and derecognizes liabilities when extinguished. The transferor would then determine the gain or loss on sale of financial assets by allocating the carrying value of the underlying mortgage between securities or loans sold and the interests retained based on their fair values. The gain or loss on sale is the difference between the cash proceeds from the sale and the amount allocated to the securities or loans sold. When a transfer of financial assets does not qualify for sale accounting, ASC 860-10 requires the transfer to be accounted for as a secured borrowing with a pledge of collateral.

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On February 12, 2016, the Company originated a \$12.0 million commercial loan and at closing, transferred a 15% or \$1.8 million interest in the loan to an unaffiliated third party. The Company, as transferor, evaluated the transfer under ASC 860-10, and concluded the transferred participation interest should be accounted for as a secured borrowing. The Company has recorded the \$12.0 million commercial loan on its consolidated balance sheets as an asset in the "Commercial loans, at fair value" line item. The Company has recorded a \$1.8 million liability in the "Loan participation payable, at fair value" line item representing the transfer of the participation interest. The Company has chosen to make a fair value election on the consolidated interest pursuant to ASC 825. The holder of the participation interest has no recourse to the general credit of the Company. The commercial loan was paid off in full in February 2017. The principal and interest due on the loan participation was paid from these proceeds. See Note 4 for more detail.

From time to time, the Company may securitize mortgage loans it holds if such financing is available. These transactions will be recorded in accordance with ASC 860-10 and will be accounted for as either a "sale" and the loans will be removed from the consolidated balance sheets or as a "financing" and will be classified as "real estate securities" on the consolidated balance sheets, depending upon the structure of the securitization transaction. ASC 860-10 is a standard that may require the Company to exercise significant judgment in determining whether a transaction should be recorded as a "sale" or a "financing."

Interest income recognition

Interest income on the Company's real estate securities portfolio is accrued based on the actual coupon rate and the outstanding principal balance of such securities. The Company has elected to record interest in accordance with ASC 835-30-35-2 using the effective interest method for all securities accounted for under the fair value option (ASC 825). As such, premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted into interest income over the lives of the securities in accordance with ASC 310-20, "Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs," ASC 320-10 or ASC 325-40 as applicable. Total interest income is recorded in the "Interest income" line item on the consolidated statement of operations.

On at least a quarterly basis for securities accounted for under ASC 320-10 and ASC 310-20 (generally Agency RMBS, exclusive of interest-only securities), prepayments of the underlying collateral must be estimated, which directly affect the speed at which the Company amortizes premiums on its securities. If actual and anticipated cash flows differ from previous estimates, the Company recognizes a "catch-up" adjustment in the current period to the amortization of premiums for the impact of the cumulative change in the effective yield through the reporting date.

Similarly, the Company also reassesses the cash flows on at least a quarterly basis for securities accounted for under ASC 325-40 (generally Non-Agency RMBS, ABS, CMBS and interest-only securities). In estimating these cash flows, there are a number of assumptions that will be subject to uncertainties and contingencies. These include the rate and timing of principal and interest receipts (including assumptions of prepayments, repurchases, defaults and liquidations), the pass-through or coupon rate and interest rate fluctuations. In addition, interest payment shortfalls due to delinquencies on the underlying mortgage loans have to be estimated. Differences between previously estimated cash flows and current actual and anticipated cash flows are recognized prospectively through an adjustment of the yield over the remaining life of the security based on the current amortized cost of the investment as adjusted for credit impairment, if any.

Interest income on the Company's loan portfolio is accrued based on the actual coupon rate and the outstanding principal balance of such loans. The Company has elected to record interest in accordance with ASC 835-30-35-2 using the effective interest method for all loans accounted for under the fair value option (ASC 825). Any amortization will be reflected as an adjustment to interest income in the consolidated statement of operations.

For security and loan investments purchased with evidence of deterioration of credit quality for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the Company will be unable to collect all contractually required payments receivable, the Company will apply the provisions of ASC 310-30. For purposes of income recognition, the Company aggregates loans that have common risk characteristics into pools and uses a composite interest rate and expectation of cash flows expected to be collected for the pool. ASC 310-30 addresses accounting for differences between contractual cash flows and cash flows expected to be collected from an investor's initial investment in loans or debt securities (loans) acquired in a transfer if those differences are attributable, at least in part, to credit quality. ASC 310-30 limits the yield that may be accreted (accretable yield) to the excess of the investor's estimate of undiscounted expected principal, interest and other cash flows (cash flows expected at acquisition to be collected) over the investor's initial investment in the loan. ASC 310-30 requires that the excess of contractual cash flows over cash flows expected to be collected (nonaccretable difference) not be recognized as an adjustment of yield, loss accrual or valuation allowance. Subsequent increases in cash flows expected to be collected generally should be recognized prospectively through an adjustment of the loan's yield over its remaining life. Decreases in cash flows expected to be collected should be recognized as impairment.

The Company's accrual of interest, discount accretion and premium amortization for U.S. federal and other tax purposes differs from the financial accounting treatment of these items as described above.

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Repurchase agreements and FHLBC Advances

The Company finances the acquisition of certain assets within its portfolio through the use of repurchase agreements. Prior to March 31, 2016, the Company also financed its Agency RMBS portfolio with advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati ("FHLBC Advances") (see the following paragraph regarding the current status of the FHLBC Advances). Repurchase agreements are, and while the Company had them, FHLBC Advances were treated as collateralized financing transactions and carried at primarily their contractual amounts, including accrued interest, as specified in the respective agreements. The carrying amount of the Company's repurchase agreements and FHLBC Advances approximates fair value.

In July 2015, the Company's wholly-owned captive insurance subsidiary, MITT Insurance Company LLC ("MITT Insurance"), was granted membership in the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") system, specifically in the FHLB of Cincinnati ("FHLBC"). However, in January 2016, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the FHFA, issued RIN 2590-AA39, Members of Federal Home Loan Banks ("the Final Rule"), which expressly excludes captive insurance companies, such as MITT Insurance ("Excluded Captives"), from being eligible for membership in the FHLBC. The Final Rule prevents the FHLBC from making any new advances or extending any existing advances to Excluded Captives, subject to a defined grace period. Upon the termination of membership, the FHLB must liquidate all outstanding advances to Excluded Captives and settle all other business transactions in accordance with the Final Rule. In addition, all FHLB stock held by the terminated Excluded Captive will be repurchased or redeemed at the FHLBC's discretion. Therefore, MITT Insurance must completely wind down all business relationships with the FHLBC, including the repayment of all outstanding advances, prior to or simultaneously with the termination of MITT Insurance's membership with the FHLBC. As a result of the Final Rule, MITT Insurance exited all FHLBC Advances and as of September 30, 2017, the Company had no outstanding advances with the FHLBC. See the "Other investments" section below for a discussion on FHLBC stock.

The Company pledges certain securities or loans as collateral under repurchase agreements with financial institutions, the terms and conditions of which are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis. The amounts available to be borrowed are dependent upon the fair value of the securities or loans pledged as collateral, which fluctuates with changes in interest rates, type of security and liquidity conditions within the banking, mortgage finance and real estate industries. In response to declines in fair value of pledged assets, lenders may require the Company to post additional collateral or pay down borrowings to re-establish agreed upon collateral requirements, referred to as margin calls. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company has met all margin call requirements.

Other investments

At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the Company owned FHLBC stock totaling \$2,000. The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for its stock investment in FHLBC which is recorded in the "Other assets" line item on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. When evaluating FHLBC stock for impairment, the Company considers the ultimate recoverability of the par value rather than recognizing temporary declines in value. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had not recognized an impairment charge related to its FHLBC stock. The Company is entitled to a quarterly dividend on the weighted average shares of stock it holds during the period and records the dividend in "Interest income" on its consolidated statement of operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded an immaterial amount of dividend income on its FHLBC stock. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recorded dividend income on its FHLBC stock of approximately \$0.0 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

Accounting for derivative financial instruments

The Company enters into derivative contracts as a means of mitigating interest rate risk rather than to enhance returns. The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments in accordance with ASC 815-10, "Derivatives and Hedging." ASC 815-10 requires an entity to recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities on the balance sheet and to measure those instruments at fair value. Additionally, if or when hedge accounting is elected, the fair value adjustments will affect either other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity until the hedged item is recognized in earnings or net income depending on whether the derivative instrument is designated and qualifies as a hedge for accounting purposes and, if so, the nature of the hedging activity. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company did not have any interest rate derivatives designated as hedges. All derivatives have been recorded at fair value in accordance with ASC 820-10, with corresponding changes in value recognized in the consolidated statement of operations. The Company records derivative asset and liability positions on a gross basis with respect to its counterparties. The Company records the daily receipt or payment of variation margin associated with the Company's centrally cleared derivative instruments on a net basis. Refer to Note 7 for a discussion of this accounting treatment. During the period in which the Company unwinds a derivative, it records a realized gain/(loss) in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item in the consolidated statement of operations.

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To-be-announced securities

A to-be-announced security ("TBA") is a forward contract for the purchase or sale of Agency RMBS at a predetermined price, face amount, issuer, coupon and stated maturity on an agreed-upon future date. The specific Agency RMBS delivered into or received from the contract upon the settlement date, published each month by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, are not known at the time of the transaction. The Company may also choose, prior to settlement, to move the settlement of these securities out to a later date by entering into an offsetting short or long position (referred to as a pair off), net settling the paired off positions for cash, simultaneously purchasing or selling a similar TBA contract for a later settlement date. This transaction is commonly referred to as a dollar roll. The Agency RMBS purchased or sold for a forward settlement date are typically priced at a discount to Agency RMBS for settlement in the current month. This difference, or discount, is referred to as the price drop. The price drop is the economic equivalent of net interest carry income on the underlying Agency RMBS over the roll period (interest income less implied financing cost) and is commonly referred to as dollar roll income/(loss). Consequently, forward purchases of Agency RMBS and dollar roll transactions represent a form of off-balance sheet financing. Dollar roll income is recognized in the consolidated statement of operations in the line item "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net."

The Company presents the purchase or sale of TBAs net of the corresponding payable or receivable, respectively, until the settlement date of the transaction. Contracts for the purchase or sale of Agency RMBS are accounted for as derivatives if they do not qualify for the "regular way" security trade scope exception found in ASC 815-10. To be eligible for this scope exception, the contract must meet the following conditions: (1) there is no other way to purchase or sell that security, (2) delivery of that security and settlement will occur within the shortest period possible for that type of security, and (3) it is probable at inception and throughout the term of the individual contract that the contract will not settle net and will result in physical delivery of a security when it is issued. Unrealized gains and losses associated with TBA contracts not meeting the regular-way exception and not designated as hedging instruments are recognized in the consolidated statement of operations in the line item "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net."

U.S. Treasury securities

The Company may purchase long or sell short U.S. Treasury securities to help mitigate the potential impact of changes in interest rates. The Company may finance its purchase of U.S. Treasury securities with overnight repurchase agreements. The Company may borrow securities to cover short sales of U.S. Treasury securities through overnight reverse repurchase agreements, which are accounted for as borrowing transactions, and the Company recognizes an obligation to return the borrowed securities at fair value on its consolidated balance sheets based on the value of the underlying borrowed securities as of the reporting date. Interest income and expense associated with purchases and short sales of U.S. Treasury securities are recognized in "Interest income" and "Interest expense", respectively, on the consolidated statement of operations. Realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with purchases and short sales of U.S. Treasury securities are recognized in "Net realized gain/(loss)" and "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net," respectively, on the consolidated statement of operations. As of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, the Company had no positions in U.S. Treasury securities.

Short positions in U.S. Treasury securities through reverse repurchase agreements

The Company may sell short U.S. Treasury securities to help mitigate the potential impact of changes in interest rates. The Company may borrow securities to cover short sales of U.S. Treasury securities under reverse repurchase agreements, which are accounted for as borrowing transactions, and the Company recognizes an obligation to return the borrowed securities at fair value on its consolidated balance sheets based on the value of the underlying borrowed securities as of the reporting date. The Company establishes haircuts to ensure the market value of the underlying assets remain sufficient to protect the Company in the event of a default by a counterparty. Realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with purchases and short sales of U.S. Treasury securities are recognized in "Net realized gain/(loss)" and "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net," respectively, on the consolidated statement of operations.

Manager compensation

The management agreement provides for payment to the Manager of a management fee. The management fee is accrued and expensed during the period for which it is calculated and earned. For a more detailed discussion on the fees payable under the management agreement, see Note 10.

Income taxes

The Company conducts its operations to qualify and be taxed as a REIT. Accordingly, the Company will generally not be subject to federal or state corporate income tax to the extent that the Company makes qualifying distributions to its stockholders, and provided that it satisfies on a continuing basis, through actual investment and operating results, the REIT requirements including certain asset, income, distribution and stock ownership tests. If the Company fails to qualify as a REIT, and does not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, it will be subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes and may be precluded from qualifying as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year in which the Company fails to qualify as a REIT.

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The dividends paid deduction of a REIT for qualifying dividends to its stockholders is computed using the Company's taxable income/(loss) as opposed to net income/(loss) reported on the Company's GAAP financial statements. Taxable income/(loss), generally, will differ from net income/(loss) reported on the financial statements because the determination of taxable income/(loss) is based on tax principles and not financial accounting principles.

The Company elected to treat certain domestic subsidiaries as taxable REIT subsidiaries ("TRSs") and may elect to treat other subsidiaries as TRSs. In general, a TRS may hold assets and engage in activities that the Company cannot hold or engage in directly and generally may engage in any real estate or non-real estate-related business.

A domestic TRS may declare dividends to the Company which will be included in the Company's taxable income/(loss) and necessitate a distribution to stockholders. Conversely, if the Company retains earnings at the domestic TRS level, no distribution is required and the Company can increase book equity of the consolidated entity. A domestic TRS is subject to U.S. federal, state and local corporate income taxes.

The Company elected to treat one of its foreign subsidiaries as a TRS and, accordingly, taxable income generated by this foreign TRS may not be subject to local income taxation, but generally will be included in the Company's income on a current basis as Subpart F income, whether or not distributed.

The Company's financial results are generally not expected to reflect provisions for current or deferred income taxes, except for any activities conducted through one or more TRSs that are subject to corporate income taxation. The Company believes that it will operate in a manner that will allow it to qualify for taxation as a REIT. As a result of the Company's expected REIT qualification, it does not generally expect to pay federal or state corporate income tax. Many of the REIT requirements, however, are highly technical and complex. If the Company were to fail to meet the REIT requirements, it would be subject to federal income taxes and applicable state and local taxes.

As a REIT, if the Company fails to distribute in any calendar year (subject to specific timing rules for certain dividends paid in January) at least the sum of (i) 85% of its ordinary income for such year, (ii) 95% of its capital gain net income for such year, and (iii) any undistributed taxable income from the prior year, the Company would be subject to a non-deductible 4% excise tax on the excess of such required distribution over the sum of (i) the amounts

actually distributed and (ii) the amounts of income retained and on which the Company has paid corporate income tax.

The Company evaluates uncertain income tax positions, if any, in accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes." The Company classifies interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of provision for income taxes. See Note 9 for further details.

Stock-based compensation

The Company applies the provisions of ASC 718, "Compensation—Stock Compensation" with regard to its equity incentive plans. ASC 718 covers a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including stock options, restricted stock plans, performance-based awards, stock appreciation rights and employee stock purchase plans. ASC 718 requires that compensation cost relating to stock-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. Compensation cost is measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued.

Compensation cost related to restricted common shares issued to the Company's directors is measured at its estimated fair value at the grant date, and is amortized and expensed over the vesting period on a straight-line basis.

Compensation cost related to restricted common shares and restricted stock units issued to the Manager is initially measured at estimated fair value at the grant date, and is remeasured on subsequent dates to the extent the awards are unvested. Restricted stock units granted to the Manager do not entitle the participant the rights of a shareholder of the Company's common stock, such as dividend and voting rights, until shares are issued in settlement of the vested units. The restricted stock units are not considered to be participating shares. Restricted stock units are measured at fair value reduced by the present value of the dividends expected to be paid on the underlying shares during the requisite service period, discounted at an assumed risk free rate. The Company has elected to use the straight-line method to amortize compensation expense for restricted stock units.

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Recent accounting pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" (Topic 606) ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 is a comprehensive new revenue recognition model requiring a company to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to a customer at an amount reflecting the consideration it expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. In adopting ASU 2014-09, companies may use either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach. Additionally, this guidance requires improved disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In August 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date of the new revenue recognition standard by one year. The new standard is effective for the first interim period within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted. The Company has concluded the guidance will not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, "Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("ASU 2016-01"). The amendments in this ASU affect all entities that hold financial assets or owe financial liabilities, and address certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments. The classification and measurement guidance of investments in debt securities and loans are not affected by the amendments in this ASU. ASU 2016-01 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted for public business entities, except for a provision related to financial statements of fiscal years or interim periods that have not yet been issued, to recognize in other comprehensive income, the change in fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk measured using the fair value option. Entities should apply the amendments in this ASU by recording a cumulative-effect adjustment to equity as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this ASU will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses," ("ASU 2016-13"). ASU 2016-13 introduces a new model related to the accounting for credit losses on instruments, specifically, financial assets subject to credit losses and measured at amortized cost and certain off-balance sheet credit exposures. ASU 2016-13 amends the current guidance, requiring an OTTI charge only when fair value is below the amortized cost of an asset. The length of time the fair value of an available-for-sale debt security has been below the amortized cost will no longer impact the determination of whether a credit loss exists. As such, it is no longer an other-than-temporary model. In addition, credit losses on available-for-sale debt securities will now be limited to the difference between the security's

amortized cost basis and its fair value. The new debt security model will also require the use of an allowance to record estimated credit losses. The new guidance also expands the disclosure requirements regarding an entity's assumptions, and models. In addition, public entities will need to disclose the amortized cost balance for each class of financial asset by credit quality indicator, disaggregated by the year of origination (i.e., by vintage year). ASU 2016-13 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating its method of adoption and the impact this ASU will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, "Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments", ("ASU 2016-15"). ASU 2016-15 addresses eight specific cash flow issues with the objective of reducing existing diversity of how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented. These specific issues include debt prepayment and debt extinguishment costs, settlement of zero-coupon debt, proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims, and beneficial interests in securitization transactions, among others. ASU 2016-15 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently assessing the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements. Adoption of this standard may reclassify certain items on the consolidated statement of cash flows but does not affect the consolidated statement of operations or consolidated balance sheets.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash. The amendments in this update require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The ASU is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements. Adoption of this standard will require the Company to reconcile changes in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash on the consolidated statement of cash flows but does not affect the consolidated statement of operations or consolidated balance sheets.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-08, "Premium Amortization of Purchased Callable Debt Securities" ("ASU 2017-08"). The amendments in this update require purchase premiums for investments in debt securities that are noncontingently callable by the issuer (at a fixed price and preset date) to be amortized to the earliest call date. Previously, purchase premiums for such investments were permitted to be amortized to the instrument's maturity date. ASU 2017-08 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within those years. The Company is currently assessing the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, "Compensation – Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting." This ASU provides clarity and reduces both diversity in practice and cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Topic 718 to a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. This update provides guidance about which changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award require an entity to apply modification accounting in Topic 718. The ASU is effective fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance.

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3. Real Estate Securities

The following tables detail the Company's real estate securities portfolio as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The Company's Agency RMBS are mortgage pass-through certificates or collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") representing interests in or obligations backed by pools of residential mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae. The Company's Non-Agency RMBS, ABS and CMBS portfolios are primarily not issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or any agency of the U.S. Government and are therefore subject to credit risk. The principal and interest payments on Agency RMBS securities have an explicit guarantee by either an agency of the U.S. government or a U.S government-sponsored entity.

The following table details the Company's real estate securities portfolio as of September 30, 2017:

		Premium /	Premium /			Gross Unrealized (1)			
	Current Face	(Discount)		Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value	Coupon (2)	Yie
Agency RMBS: 30 Year						.			
Fixed Rate	\$1,676,807,359	\$74,022,732		\$1,750,830,091	\$11,807,760	\$(2,255,633)	\$1,760,382,218	3.77%	3.1
Fixed Rate CMO	54,267,762	427,733		54,695,495	904,953	-	55,600,448	3.00%	2.7
ARM	183,361,500	(1,019,214)	182,342,286	3,918,224	-	186,260,510	2.35%	2.8
Interest Only	493,398,549	(438,168,547)	55,230,002	2,065,371	(2,329,596)	54,965,777	2.85%	6.5
Credit Securities:									
Non-Agency RMBS	1,090,004,702	(220,692,385)	869,312,317	59,663,549	(1,944,549)	927,031,317	4.55%	6.2
Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	384,799,372	(381,467,836)	3,331,536	151,223	(620,275)	2,862,484	0.21%	8.6

ABS	53,497,625	(264,964)	53,232,661	234,954	(243,827)	53,223,788	8.34%	8.7
CMBS	209,691,239	(49,523,424)	160,167,815	1,055,860	(1,359,640)	159,864,035	5.52%	6.1
CMBS								
Interest	1,948,722,955	(1,900,990,296)	47,732,659	4,249,838	(10,973)	51,971,524	0.43%	6.6
Only								
Total	\$6,094,551,063	\$(2,917,676,201)	\$3,176,874,862	\$84,051,732	\$(8,764,493)	\$3,252,162,101	2.54%	4.3

⁽¹⁾ The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for our real estate securities portfolio. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings in the unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net line item in the consolidated statement of operations. The gross unrealized stated above represents inception to date unrealized gains/(losses).

(2) Equity residual investments and principal only securities with a zero coupon rate are excluded from this calculation.

The following table details the Company's real estate securities portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

	Current Face	Premium / (Discount)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unreal	ized (1) Losses	Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon (2)
Agency RMBS: 30 Year Fixed Rate Fixed Rate	\$713,234,586	\$28,338,222	\$741,572,808	\$3,672,057	\$(5,517,144) \$739,727,721	3.64% 2
CMO	62,570,005	531,431	63,101,436	595,962	-	63,697,398	3.00% 2
ARM Interest Only Credit Securities:	208,592,111 416,902,327	(1,633,175)	206,958,936 41,058,844	4,385,116 3,033,926	(1,198,215	211,344,052 42,894,555	2.35% 2 2.70% 8
Non-Agency RMBS	1,255,224,713	(235,346,323	1,019,878,390	28,705,591	(9,328,119	1,039,255,862	4.31%
Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	449,759,113	(446,027,313	3,731,800	33,512	(3,866	3,761,446	0.25% 1
ABS	22,025,000	(357,022	21,667,978	100,247	(536,269	21,231,956	5.43%
CMBS CMBS	217,935,976	(56,549,776) 161,386,200	959,842	(2,830,108) 159,515,934	5.15%
Interest Only	1,967,685,636	(1,916,198,928)	51,486,708	1,001,503	(351,485	52,136,726	0.41%
Total	\$5,313,929,467	\$(3,003,086,367)	\$2,310,843,100	\$42,487,756	\$(19,765,206)	\$2,333,565,650	2.18%

- (1) The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for our real estate securities portfolio. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings in the unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net line item in the consolidated statement of operations. The gross unrealized stated above represents inception to date unrealized gains/(losses).
- (2) Equity residual investments and principal only securities with a zero coupon rate are excluded from this calculation.

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses and fair value of the Company's real estate securities by length of time that such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position on September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	Less than 12 m	onths	Greater than 12 months			
As of	Fair Value	Unrealized	Fair Value	Unrealized		
AS UI	ran value	Losses	ran value	Losses		
September 30, 2017	\$449,405,332	\$(5,631,244)	\$143,555,637	\$(3,133,249)		
December 31, 2016	756,302,518	(12,017,743)	203,287,535	(7,747,463)		

As described in Note 2, the Company evaluates securities for OTTI on at least a quarterly basis. The determination of whether a security is other-than-temporarily impaired involves judgments and assumptions based on subjective and objective factors. When the fair value of a real estate security is less than its amortized cost at the balance sheet date, the security is considered impaired, and the impairment is designated as either "temporary" or "other-than-temporary."

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For the three months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recognized an OTTI charge of \$2.0 million on its securities, which is included in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations. The Company recorded \$2.0 million of OTTI due to an adverse change in cash flows on certain securities where the fair values of the securities were less than their carrying amounts. Of the \$2.0 million of OTTI recorded, \$0.7 million related to securities where OTTI was not recognized in a prior year.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recognized an OTTI charge of \$6.5 million on its securities, which is included in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations. Of this amount, \$1.9 million was recognized on three securities in an unrealized loss position which the Company demonstrated intent to sell, and the charge represents a write-down of cost to fair value as of the reporting date. The Company recorded \$4.6 million of OTTI due to an adverse change in cash flows on certain securities where the fair values of the securities were less than their carrying amounts. Of the \$4.6 million of OTTI recorded, \$1.8 million related to securities where OTTI was not recognized in a prior year.

For the three months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recognized an OTTI charge of \$1.0 million on its securities, which is included in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations. The Company recorded \$1.0 million of OTTI due to an adverse change in cash flows on certain securities where the fair values of the securities were less than their carrying amounts. Of the \$1.0 million of OTTI recorded, \$0.4 million related to securities where OTTI was not recognized in a prior year.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recognized an OTTI charge of \$13.4 million on its securities, which is included in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations. The Company recorded \$13.4 million of OTTI due to an adverse change in cash flows on certain securities where the fair values of the securities were less than their carrying amounts. Of the \$13.4 million of OTTI recorded, \$6.0 million related to securities where OTTI was not recognized in a prior year.

The decline in value of the remaining real estate securities is solely due to market conditions and not the credit quality of the assets. The investments in any remaining unrealized loss positions are not considered other than temporarily impaired because the Company currently has the ability and intent to hold the investments to maturity or for a period of time sufficient for a forecasted market price recovery up to or beyond the cost of the investments and the Company is not required to sell the investments for regulatory or other reasons.

The following table details weighted average life broken out by Agency RMBS, Agency Interest-Only ("IO") and Credit Securities as of September 30, 2017:

	Agency RMBS ((1)		Agency IO		Credit Securities		
Weighted Average Life (3)	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Weighte Average Coupon	eFair Value	Amortized Cost	Weighte Average Coupon	eFair Value	
Less than or equal to 1 year	\$-	\$-	-	\$-	\$-	-	\$93,754,194	
Greater than one year and less than or equal to five years	241,860,958	237,037,781	2.50%	30,432,477	31,393,317	2.38%	435,916,455	
Greater than five years and less than or equal to ten	1,709,144,728	1,699,698,089	3.77%	24,533,300	23,836,685	4.28%	455,084,524	
years Greater than ten years Total	51,237,490 \$2,002,243,176	51,132,002 \$1,987,867,872	3.50% 3.61%	- \$54,965,777	- \$55,230,002	- 2.85%	210,197,975 \$1,194,953,148	

- (1) For purposes of this table, Agency RMBS represent securities backed by Fixed Rate 30 Year mortgages, ARMs and Fixed Rate CMOs.
- (2) For purposes of this table, Credit Securities represent Non-Agency RMBS, ABS, CMBS and Interest Only credit securities.
- (3) Actual maturities of mortgage-backed securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Maturities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.
- (4) Equity residual investments and principal only securities with a zero coupon rate are excluded from this calculation.

The following table details weighted average life broken out by Agency RMBS, Agency IO and Credit Securities as of December 31, 2016:

	Agency RMBS (1)	Agency IO	Credit Securitie		
Weighted Average Life (3)	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Weighted AverageFair Value Coupon	Amortized Cost	Weighted AverageFair Value Coupon	
Less than or equal to 1 year Greater than one year and less than or equal to five	\$- 124,913,463	\$- 123,021,262	- \$- 2.73% 28,514,942	\$- 27,995,835	- \$169,483,329 2.23% 430,525,739	

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years

Greater than five years and less than or equal to ten 5.14% 808,271,767 806,474,038 3.44% 14,379,613 13,063,009 425,043,315 Greater than ten years 3.10% 81,583,941 82,137,880 250,849,541 Total \$1,014,769,171 \$1,011,633,180 3.32% \$42,894,555 \$41,058,844 2.70% \$1,275,901,924

- (1) For purposes of this table, Agency RMBS represent securities backed by Fixed Rate 30 Year mortgages, ARMs and Fixed Rate CMOs.
- (2) For purposes of this table, Credit Securities represent Non-Agency RMBS, ABS, CMBS and Interest Only credit securities.
- (3) Actual maturities of mortgage-backed securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Maturities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.
- (4) Equity residual investments and principal only securities with a zero coupon rate are excluded from this calculation.

For the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company sold 22 securities for total proceeds of \$206.4 million, recording realized gains of \$2.5 million and realized losses of \$0.1 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company sold 52 securities for total proceeds of \$467.3 million, recording realized gains of \$3.5 million and realized losses of \$2.2 million.

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For the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company sold 11 securities for total proceeds of \$147.1 million, with an additional \$0.3 million of proceeds on 1 unsettled security sale as of quarter end, recording realized gains of \$9.8 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company sold 21 securities for total proceeds of \$278.1 million, with an additional \$0.3 million of proceeds on 1 unsettled security sale as of quarter end, recording realized gains of \$10.6 million and realized losses of \$1.6 million.

See Notes 4 and 7 for amounts realized on sales of loans and the settlement of certain derivatives, respectively.

A Special Purpose Entity ("SPE") is an entity designed to fulfill a specific limited need of the company that organized it. SPEs are often used to facilitate transactions that involve securitizing financial assets or resecuritizing previously securitized financial assets. The objective of such transactions may include obtaining non-recourse financing, obtaining liquidity or refinancing the underlying securitized financial assets on improved terms. Securitization involves transferring assets to a SPE to convert all or a portion of those assets into cash before they would have been realized in the normal course of business through the SPE's issuance of debt or equity instruments. Investors in an SPE usually have recourse only to the assets in the SPE and depending on the overall structure of the transaction, may benefit from various forms of credit enhancement, such as over-collateralization in the form of excess assets in the SPE, priority with respect to receipt of cash flows relative to holders of other debt or equity instruments issued by the SPE, or a line of credit or other form of liquidity agreement that is designed with the objective of ensuring that investors receive principal and/or interest cash flow on the investment in accordance with the terms of their investment agreement. See Note 2 for more detail.

The Company previously entered into a resecuritization transaction that resulted in the Company consolidating the VIE created with the SPE which was used to facilitate the transaction. The Company concluded that the entity created to facilitate this transaction was a VIE. The Company also determined that the VIE created to facilitate the resecuritization transaction should be consolidated by the Company and treated as a secured borrowing, based on the Company's involvement in the VIE, including the design and purpose of the SPE, and whether the Company's involvement reflected a controlling financial interest that resulted in the Company being deemed the primary beneficiary of the VIE. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the resecuritized asset had an aggregate principal balance of \$26.5 million and \$31.5 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the resecuritized asset had an aggregate fair value of \$23.7 million and \$27.4 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the principal balance of the consolidated tranche was \$17.3 million and \$21.6 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the fair market value of the consolidated tranche was \$17.2 million and \$21.5 million, respectively, which is included in the Company's consolidated balance

sheets as "Non-Agency RMBS." As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the aggregate security has a weighted average coupon of 3.49% and 3.15%, respectively, and a weighted average yield of 7.29% and 6.73%, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company has recorded secured financing of \$17.2 million and \$21.5 million, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheets in the "Securitized debt, at fair value" line item. The Company recorded the proceeds from the issuance of the secured financing in the "Cash Flows from Financing Activities" section of the consolidated statement of cash flows at the time of securitization. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the consolidated tranche had a weighted average life of 2.92 years and 3.27 years, respectively, and a weighted average yield of 3.72% and 3.87%, respectively. The holders of the consolidated tranche have no recourse to the general credit of the Company. The Company has no obligation to provide any other explicit or implicit support to any VIE.

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4. Loans

Residential mortgage loans

The table below details certain information regarding the Company's residential mortgage loan portfolio as of September 30, 2017:

				Gross Unrealized (1)			Weighted Average			
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Premium (Discount)	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value	Coupon	Yield	Weighted Average Life (Years) (2)	
Residential mortgage loans		\$(9,399,640)	\$22,455,937	\$1,445,123	\$(33,529)	\$23,867,531	6.00%	10.87%		

- (1) The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for its loan portfolio. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings in the unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net line item. The gross unrealized columns above represent inception to date unrealized gains (losses).
- (2) Actual maturities of residential mortgage loans are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Actual maturities are affected by the lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.

The table below details certain information regarding the Company's residential mortgage loan portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

				Gross Unrea	Weighted	ge			
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Premium (Discount)	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value	Coupon		Weighted Average Life (Years) (2)
Residential mortgage loans		\$(16,491,472)	\$37,335,864	\$1,262,223	\$(402,511)	\$38,195,576	5.60%	8.74%	6.71

- (1) The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for its loan portfolio. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings in the unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net line item. The gross unrealized columns above represent inception to date unrealized gains (losses).
- (2) Actual maturities of residential mortgage loans are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Actual maturities are affected by the lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.

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The table below summarizes certain aggregate pool level information pertaining to the Company's residential mortgage loans:

	September 30	, 2017	December 31, 2016			
Loan Pool	Fair Value	Unpaid Principal	Fair Value	Unpaid Principal		
Loan Poor	raii vaiue	Balance	raii vaiue	Balance		
Re-Performing	\$15,866,356	\$ 20,364,085	\$26,665,750	\$ 35,645,382		
Non-Performing	8,001,175	11,491,492	11,529,826	18,181,954		
	\$23,867,531	\$ 31,855,577	\$38,195,576	\$ 53,827,336		

As described in Note 2, the Company evaluates loans for OTTI on at least a quarterly basis. The determination of whether a loan is other-than-temporarily impaired involves judgments and assumptions based on subjective and objective factors. When the fair value of a loan is less than its amortized cost at the balance sheet date, the loan is considered impaired, and the impairment is designated as either "temporary" or "other-than-temporary." No OTTI was recorded on loans for the three months ended September 30, 2017. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recognized \$0.4 million of OTTI on certain loan pools, which is included in the "Net realized gain/(loss)" line item on the consolidated statement of operations. The Company recorded the \$0.4 million of OTTI due to an adverse change in cash flows where the fair values of the securities were less than their carrying amounts. The \$0.4 million related to non-performing loan pools with an unpaid principal balance of \$9.4 million and an average fair market value of \$6.6 million and \$8.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. No OTTI was recorded on loans for the three months or nine months ended September 30, 2016.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the Company had residential mortgage loans that were in the process of foreclosure with a fair value of \$9.1 million and \$11.0 million, respectively.

The Company's mortgage loan portfolio consisted of mortgage loans on residential real estate located throughout the U.S. The following is a summary of certain concentrations of credit risk within the Company's mortgage loan portfolio:

Concentration of Credit Risk

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	September 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Percentage of fair value of mortgage loans with unpaid principal balance to current property value in excess of 100%	91	%	98	%
Percentage of fair value of mortgage loans secured by properties in the following				
states:				
Representing 5% or more of fair value:				
New York	31	%	25	%
California	10	%	9	%
Maryland	6	%	6	%
New Jersey	5	%	4	%
Texas	5	%	4	%
Florida	3	%	5	%

The Company records interest income on a level-yield basis. The accretable discount is determined by the excess of the Company's estimate of undiscounted principal, interest, and other cash flows expected to be collected over its initial investment in the mortgage loan. The following is a summary of the changes in the accretable portion of discounts for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, respectively:

	Three Months September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended September September 30, 30, 2017 2016	
Beginning Balance	\$10,341,476	\$ 22,547,949	\$18,281,517 \$ 24,216,638	
Additions	-	-		
Accretion	(505,632)	(1,051,965) (1,968,026) (3,296,603)
Reclassifications from/(to) non-accretable difference	1,476,386	4,968,753	4,858,094 5,755,350	
Disposals	-	(6,522,022) (9,859,355) (6,732,670)
Ending Balance	\$11,312,230	\$ 19,942,715	\$11,312,230 \$ 19,942,715	

As of September 30, 2017, the Company's residential mortgage loan portfolio is comprised of 163 conventional loans with original loan balances between \$9,000 and \$1.1 million.

As of December 31, 2016, the Company's residential mortgage loan portfolio is comprised of 277 conventional loans with original loan balances between \$9,000 and \$1.1 million.

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Commercial loans

The following table presents detail on the Company's commercial loan portfolio on September 30, 2017.

				Gross Unrealize (1)	d		Weighted	Average		
Loan (3) (7)	Current Face	Premium (Discount)	Amortized Cost	Gains	Los	s Fæi r Value	Coupon (5)	Yield	Weigh Avera Life (Years (6)	ge Initial Stated Maturity Date
Loan B (2)	32,800,000	-	32,800,000	-	-	32,800,000	5.98 %	6.36 %	1.79	July 1, 2016
Loan E (4)	14,521,806	(1,096,214)	13,425,592	756,405	-	14,181,997	9.58 %	12.37%	3.24	April 9, 2017
Loan F (4)	10,416,666 57,738,472	(90,387) (1,186,601)	10,326,279 56,551,871	90,387 846,792	-	10,416,666 57,398,663	11.74 <i>%</i> 7.93 <i>%</i>	13.55 % 9.15 %		September 9, 20

- (1) The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for its loan portfolio. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings in the unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net line item. The gross unrealized columns above represent inception to date unrealized gains (losses).
- (2) Loan B is comprised of a first mortgage and mezzanine loan of \$31.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2017, Loan B has been extended to the extended maturity date shown above.
- (3) Loan D paid off at par in Q1 2017.
- (4) Loan E and Loan F are mezzanine loans. As of September 30, 2017, Loan E has been extended for one year.
- (5) Each commercial loan investment has a variable coupon rate.
- (6) Actual maturities of commercial mortgage loans may be shorter than stated contractual maturities. Maturities are affected by prepayments of principal.
- (7) The Company has the contractual right to receive a balloon payment.

(8) Represents the maturity date of the last possible extension option.

The following table presents detail on the Company's commercial loan portfolio on December 31, 2016.

				Gross Unr	realized (1)		Weighted	d Average	
Loan (2) (4) (9)	Current Face	Premium (Discount)	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value	Coupon (7)		Weighte Average Life (Years) ^N (8)
Loan B (3)	\$32,800,000	\$(1,294)	\$32,798,706	\$1,294	\$-	\$32,800,000	5.40 %	5.65 %	0.52 J
Loan D (5) (11)	12,000,000	(211,692)	11,788,308	296,278	(84,586)	12,000,000	10.62%	14.33%	0.62 F
Loan E (6)	16,000,000	(1,291,648)	14,708,352	560,448	-	15,268,800	9.05 %	12.76%	4.33 A
	\$60,800,000	\$(1,504,634)	\$59,295,366	\$858,020	\$(84,586)	\$60,068,800	7.39 %	9.19 %	1.54

- (1) The Company has chosen to make a fair value election pursuant to ASC 825 for its loan portfolio. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings in the unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net line item. The gross unrealized columns above represent inception to date unrealized gains (losses).
- (2) Loan A paid off in Q2 2016, with the Company receiving \$30.0 million of principal proceeds.
- (3) Loan B is comprised of a first mortgage and mezzanine loan of \$31.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.
- (4) Loan C paid off in Q3 2016, with the Company receiving \$10.0 million of principal proceeds.
- (5) Loan D is a first mortgage loan. See below for further information. As of the stated maturity date, Loan D has been extended for an additional 6 months.
- (6) Loan E is a mezzanine loan.
- (7) Each commercial loan investment has a variable coupon rate.
- (8) Actual maturities of commercial mortgage loans may be shorter than stated contractual maturities. Maturities are affected by prepayments of principal.
- (9) The Company has the contractual right to receive a balloon payment.
- (10) Represents the maturity date of the last possible extension option.
- (11) Loan D paid off in Q1 2017.

In February 2016, the Company originated a \$12.0 million commercial loan and, at closing, transferred a 15.0%, or \$1.8 million, participation interest in the loan (the "Participation Interest") to an unaffiliated third party. The Participation Interest did not meet the sales criteria established under ASC 860; therefore, the entire commercial loan

has been recorded as an asset in the "Commercial loans, at fair value" line item on the Company's consolidated balance sheets, referred to in the above table as "Loan D." The weighted average coupon and yield on the commercial loan was 10.62% and 14.33%, respectively, at December 31, 2016. A \$1.8 million liability was recorded in the "Loan participation payable, at fair value" line item on the Company's consolidated balance sheets representing the transfer of the Participation Interest. The Company recorded the origination of the commercial loan in the "Cash Flows from Investing Activities" section and the proceeds from the transfer in the "Cash Flows from Financing Activities" section of the consolidated statement of cash flows. The weighted average coupon and yield on the Participation Interest was 10.62% and 21.70%, respectively, at December 31, 2016. In February 2017, the Company received \$12.0 million of proceeds from the pay-off of Loan D. The principal and interest due on the Participation Interest was paid from these proceeds.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million of discount accretion, respectively, on its commercial loans. During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recorded \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million of discount accretion, respectively, on its commercial loans.

5. Fair value measurements

As described in Note 2, the fair value of financial instruments that are recorded at fair value will be determined by the Manager, subject to oversight of the Company's board of directors, and in accordance with ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures." When possible, the Company determines fair value using independent data sources. ASC 820 establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques giving the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements) when market prices are not readily available or reliable.

Values for the Company's securities, Excess MSRs, securitized debt, and derivatives are based upon prices obtained from third party pricing services, which are indicative of market activity. The evaluation methodology of the Company's third-party pricing services incorporates commonly used market pricing methods, including a spread measurement to various indices such as the one-year constant maturity treasury and LIBOR, which are observable inputs. The evaluation also considers the underlying characteristics of each investment, which are also observable inputs, including: coupon; maturity date; loan age; reset date; collateral type; periodic and life cap; geography; and prepayment speeds. The Company collects and considers current market intelligence on all major markets, including benchmark security evaluations and bid-lists from various sources, when available. As part of the Company's risk management process, the Company reviews and analyzes all prices obtained by comparing prices to recently completed transactions involving the same or similar investments on or near the reporting date. If, in the opinion of the Manager, one or more prices reported to the Company are not reliable or unavailable, the Manager reviews the fair value based on characteristics of the investment it receives from the issuer and available market information.

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In valuing its derivatives, the Company considers the creditworthiness of both the Company and its counterparties, along with collateral provisions contained in each derivative agreement, from the perspective of both the Company and its counterparties. All of the Company's derivatives are either subject to bilateral collateral arrangements or clearing in accordance with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd Frank Act"). For swaps cleared under the Dodd Frank Act, a Central Counterparty Clearing House ("CCP") now stands between the Company and the over-the-counter derivative counterparties. In order to access clearing, the Company has entered into clearing agreements with Futures Commissions Merchants ("FCMs").

The fair value of the Company's mortgage loans and loan participation considers data such as loan origination information, additional updated borrower information, loan servicing data, as available, forward interest rates, general economic conditions, home price index forecasts and valuations of the underlying properties. The variables considered most significant to the determination of the fair value of the Company's mortgage loans include market-implied discount rates, projections of default rates, delinquency rates, reperformance rates, loss severity (considering mortgage insurance) and prepayment rates. The Company uses loan level data and macro-economic inputs to generate loss adjusted cash flows and other information in determining the fair value of its mortgage loans. Because of the inherent uncertainty of such valuation, the fair values established for mortgage loans held by the Company may differ from the fair values that would have been established if a ready market existed for these mortgage loans. Accordingly, mortgage loans are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The Manager may also engage specialized third party valuation service providers to assess and corroborate the valuation of a selection of investments in the Company's loan portfolio on a periodic basis. These specialized third party valuation service providers conduct independent valuation analyses based on a review of source documents, available market data, and comparable investments. The analyses provided by valuation service providers are reviewed and considered by the Manager.

TBA instruments are similar in form to the Company's Agency RMBS portfolio, and the Company therefore estimates fair value based on similar methods.

U.S. Treasury securities are valued using quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets. The fair value of the Company's obligation to return securities borrowed under reverse repurchase agreements is based upon the value of the underlying borrowed U.S. Treasury securities as of the reporting date.

The Company entered into a resecuritization transaction that resulted in the Company consolidating a VIE created with the SPE which was used to facilitate the transaction. The Company categorizes the fair value measurement of the consolidated transhe as Level 3.

In December 2015, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon, through AG Arc, formed Arc Home. The Company invests in Arc Home through AG Arc. In June 2016, Arc Home closed on the acquisition of a Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, VA and Ginnie Mae seller/servicer of residential mortgages. Through this subsidiary, Arc Home originates conforming, Government, Jumbo and other non-conforming residential mortgage loans, retains the mortgage servicing rights associated with the loans it originates, and purchases additional mortgage servicing rights from third-party sellers. As a result of this acquisition, the Company transferred its investment in AG Arc from Level 1 into Level 3.

In February 2016, the Company originated a \$12.0 million commercial loan and transferred a 15% participation interest in the loan to an unaffiliated third party. The Company categorizes the fair value measurement of the commercial loan and consolidated participation interest as Level 3. The commercial loan was paid off in full as in February 2017.

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The following table presents the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value as of September 30, 2017:

	Fair Value at September 30, 2017				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Assets:					
Agency RMBS:					
30 Year Fixed Rate	\$-	\$1,760,382,218	\$-	\$1,760,382,218	
Fixed Rate CMO	-	55,600,448	-	55,600,448	
ARM	-	186,260,510	-	186,260,510	
Interest Only	-	54,965,777	-	54,965,777	
Credit Investments:					
Non-Agency RMBS	-	152,800,460	774,230,857	927,031,317	
Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	-	-	2,862,484	2,862,484	
ABS	-	-	53,223,788	53,223,788	
CMBS	-	13,996,904	145,867,131	159,864,035	
CMBS Interest Only	-	-	51,971,524	51,971,524	
Residential mortgage loans	-	-	23,867,531	23,867,531	
Commercial loans	-	-	57,398,663	57,398,663	
Excess mortgage servicing rights	-	-	2,680,564	2,680,564	
Derivative assets	94,531	933,315	-	1,027,846	
AG Arc	-	-	17,824,219	17,824,219	
Total Assets Carried at Fair Value	\$94,531	\$2,224,939,632	\$1,129,926,761	\$3,354,960,924	
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Liabilities:	Φ	ф	Φ /17 001 071 ·	φ (17.001.071)	
Securitized debt	\$-	\$- (2.124.550)	\$(17,221,071) \$(17,221,071)	
Derivative liabilities	-	(2,124,550)) - - 0.417.004.074	(2,124,550)	
Total Liabilities Carried at Fair Value	\$-	\$(2,124,550)	\$(17,221,071) \$(19,345,621)	

The following table presents the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value as of December 31, 2016:

Fair Value at December 31, 2016

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total

Assets:

Agency RMBS:

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30 Year Fixed Rate	\$-	\$739,727,721	\$-	\$739,727,721
Fixed Rate CMO	-	63,697,398	-	63,697,398
ARM	-	211,344,052	-	211,344,052
Interest Only	-	42,894,555	-	42,894,555
Credit Investments:				
Non-Agency RMBS	-	321,495,328	717,760,534	1,039,255,862
Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	-	-	3,761,446	3,761,446
ABS	-	-	21,231,956	21,231,956
CMBS	-	28,726,319	130,789,615	159,515,934
CMBS Interest Only	-	-	52,136,726	52,136,726
Residential mortgage loans	-	-	38,195,576	38,195,576
Commercial loans	-	-	60,068,800	60,068,800
Excess mortgage servicing rights	-	-	412,648	412,648
Derivative assets	-	3,703,366	-	3,703,366
AG Arc	-	-	12,894,819	12,894,819
Total Assets Carried at Fair Value	\$-	\$1,411,588,739	\$1,037,252,120	\$2,448,840,859
Liabilities:				
Securitized debt	\$-	\$-	\$(21,491,710)	\$(21,491,710)
Loan participation payable	-	-	(1,800,000	(1,800,000)
Securities borrowed under reverse repurchase agreements	(22,365,000)	-	-	(22,365,000)
Derivative liabilities	(636,211)	(2,271,044)	-	(2,907,255)
Total Liabilities Carried at Fair Value	\$(23,001,211)	\$(2,271,044)	\$(23,291,710)	\$(48,563,965)

The Company did not have any transfers of assets or liabilities between Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016.

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The following tables present additional information about the Company's assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value on a recurring basis for which the Company has utilized Level 3 inputs to determine fair value:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

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	Non-Agency RMBS	Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	ABS	CMBS	CMBS Interest Only	Residential Mortgage Loans	Comme
Beginning balance Transfers (1):	\$863,020,902	\$3,213,397	\$47,917,356	\$137,658,327	\$52,805,639	\$23,455,233	\$57,29
Transfers into level 3	83,490,535	-	-	8,460,348	-	-	-
Purchases/Transfers	137,744,335	-	5,601,252	20,191,250	-	-	-
Proceeds from sales/redemptions	(297,784,142)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from settlement Total net gains/(losses) (2)	(26,789,302)	-	(211,551)	(20,512,436)	-	(272,933)	-
Included in net income Included in other	14,548,529	(350,913)	(83,269)	69,642	(834,115)	685,231	104,5
comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	\$774,230,857	\$2,862,484	\$53,223,788	\$145,867,131	\$51,971,524	\$23,867,531	\$57,39
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) for level 3 assets/liabilities still held as of September 30, 2017 (3)	\$12,110,525	\$(83,718)	\$(83,269)	\$(153,096)	\$(834,115)	\$825,963	\$104,5

⁽¹⁾ Transfers are assumed to occur at the beginning of the period. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company transferred 9 Non-Agency RMBS securities and 1 CMBS security into the Level 3 category from the Level 2 category under the fair value hierarchy of ASC 820.

⁽²⁾ Gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$13,630,181
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(6,331)
Net realized gain/(loss)	517,481
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	111,662
Total	\$14,252,993

(3) Unrealized gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$11,894,849
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(6,331)
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	111,660
Total	\$12,000,178

Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

September 30, 2016							
	Non-Agency RMBS	Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	ABS	CMBS	CMBS Interest Only	Residential Mortgage Loans	Comr
Beginning balance	\$814,005,282	\$2,400,732	\$75,473,169	\$86,762,706	\$43,305,493	\$55,636,606	\$54,8
Transfers (1):							
Transfers into level 3	56,221,422	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out of level 3	(150,671,465)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases/Transfers	113,707,564	-	-	40,491,482	6,981,795	-	-
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sales/redemptions	(53,290,104)	-	(5,698,248)	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from settlement Total net gains/(losses) (2)	(26,378,566)	-	(511,323)	(8,145,244)	-	(13,751,112)	(10,
Included in net income Included in other	21,910,120	256,638	1,224,038	2,497,245	221,342	762,493	-
comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	\$775,504,253	\$2,657,370	\$70,487,636	\$121,606,189	\$50,508,630	\$42,647,987	\$44,8
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) for level 3 assets still held as of September 30, 2016 (3)	\$14,590,173	\$256,638	\$1,099,827	\$2,488,766	\$221,342	\$(2,922,597)	\$-

- (1) Transfers are assumed to occur at the beginning of the period. During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company transferred 4 Non-Agency RMBS securities into the Level 3 category from the Level 2 category and 14 Non-Agency RMBS securities into the Level 2 category from the Level 3 category under the fair value hierarchy of ASC 820.
- (2) Gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$16,577,429
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(74,431)
Net realized gain/(loss)	10,294,447
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	170,324
Total	\$26,967,769

(3) Gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$15,734,149
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(74,431)
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	170,324
Total	\$15,830,042

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

	Non-Agency RMBS	Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	ABS	CMBS	CMBS Interest Only	Residential Mortgage Loans	Comi
Beginning balance	\$717,760,534	\$3,761,446	\$21,231,956	\$130,789,615	\$52,136,726	\$38,195,576	\$60,0
Transfers (1):							
Transfers into level 3	203,851,482	-	-	8,460,348	-	-	-
Transfers out of level 3	(51,307,381)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases/Transfers	395,021,146	-	52,048,919	38,760,000	-	-	10,2
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sales/redemptions	(382,543,723)	-	(16,977,157)	(4,533,594)	-	(10,102,590)	-
Proceeds from settlement	(142,165,747)	-	(4,195,705)	(29,106,491)	. -	(5,570,282)	(13,
Total net gains/(losses) (2)							
Included in net income	33,614,546	(898,962)	1,115,775	1,497,253	(165,202)	1,344,827	593
Included in other							
comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(loss)							
Ending Balance	\$774,230,857	\$2,862,484	\$53,223,788	\$145,867,131	\$51,971,524	\$23,867,531	\$57,3
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) for level 3 assets/liabilities still held as of September 30, 2017 (3)	\$32,502,634	\$(631,767)	\$660,461	\$1,704,666	\$(165,202)) \$(575,728)	\$537

⁽¹⁾ Transfers are assumed to occur at the beginning of the period. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company transferred 18 Non-Agency RMBS securities and 1 CMBS security into the Level 3 category from the Level 2 category and 5 Non-Agency RMBS securities into the Level 2 category from the Level 3 category under the fair value hierarchy of ASC 820.

⁽²⁾ Gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$37,249,857
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(195,192)
Net realized gain/(loss)	(144,392)
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	470,400
Total	\$37,380,673

(3) Unrealized gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates

Total

\$34,036,085

(40,265

470,398

\$34,466,218

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

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	Non-Agency RMBS	Non-Agency RMBS IO	ABS	CMBS	CMBS Interest Only	Residential Mortgage Loans	Comi
Beginning balance	\$451,677,960	\$5,553,734	\$54,761,837	\$91,024,418	\$14,077,716	\$57,080,227	\$72,8
Transfers (1):							
Transfers into level 3	371,564,212	-	_	-	-	-	-
Transfers out of level 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases/Transfers (2)	125,425,376	-	23,698,802	42,491,482	33,330,554	-	10,4
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification of security					3,103,111		
type (3)	-	-	-	-	3,103,111	-	-
Proceeds from	(82,462,238)	_	(7,209,752)	(2,100,960)		_	_
sales/redemptions					,		
Proceeds from settlement	(102,932,160)	-	(1,698,431)	(9,248,447)	-	(14,815,122)	(40,
Total net gains/(losses) (4)							
Included in net income	12,231,103	(2,896,364)	935,180	(560,304)	(2,751)	382,882	1,57
Included in other							
comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(loss)							
Ending Balance	\$775,504,253	\$2,657,370	\$70,487,636	\$121,606,189	\$50,508,630	\$42,647,987	\$44,8
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) for level 3 assets still held	\$11,019,033	\$(1,272,687)	\$030 673	\$(250,607)	\$(2,751) \$(3,302,208)	\$1,57
as of September 30, 2016	φ11,019,033	φ(1,2/2,00/)	φ939,073	φ(230,007)	η φ(2,131	i φ(5,302,200)	φ1,37

⁽¹⁾ Transfers are assumed to occur at the beginning of the period. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company transferred 26 Non-Agency RMBS securities and its securitized debt investment into the Level 3

category from the Level 2 category and its investment in AG Arc into the Level 3 category from the Level 1 category under the fair value hierarchy of ASC 820.

- (2) Transfers represent proceeds from transfer of loan participation.
- (3) Represents a reclassification from investments in debt and equity of affiliates.
- (4) Gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$9,761,156
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(245,908)
Net realized gain/(loss)	1,900,153
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	(331,025)
Total	\$11,084,376

(5) Gains/(losses) are recorded in the following line items in the consolidated statement of operations:

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	\$8,702,016
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net	(245,908)
Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	(331,025)
Total	\$8,125,083

Refer to the tables above for details on transfers between the Level 3 and Level 2 categories under ASC 820. Transfers into the Level 3 category of the fair value hierarchy occur due to instruments exhibiting indications of reduced levels of market transparency. Transfers out of the Level 3 category of the fair value hierarchy occur due to instruments exhibiting indications of increased levels of market transparency. Indications of increases or decreases in levels of market transparency include a change in observable transactions or executable quotes involving these instruments or similar instruments. Changes in these indications could impact price transparency, and thereby cause a change in level designations in future periods.

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The following tables present a summary of quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of investments for which the Company has utilized Level 3 inputs to determine fair value.

Asset Class	Fair Value at September 30, 2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
	, -		Yield	1.80% - 11.63% (4.37%)
			Projected Collateral Prepayments	0.00% - 35.00% (9.80%)
			Projected Collateral Losses	0.00% - 30.00% (3.07%)
Non-Agency RMBS	\$ 751,813,956	Discounted Cash Flow	3	24.64% - 56.76%
Tron rigency ravids			Reperforming Rates	(41.33%)
			Projected Collateral	0.00% - 100.00%
			Severities	(34.83%)
			Projected Timeline to Liquidation (Months)	18.80 - 22.99 (21.23)
	\$ 22,416,901	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	21.50 - 102.73 (82.82)
			Yield	21.00% - 21.00%
				(21.00%)
			Projected Collateral	17.25% - 17.25%
	\$ 2,456,181	Discounted Cash Flow	Prepayments	(17.25%)
Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	ψ 2, 130,101		Projected Collateral Losses	0.50% - 0.50% (0.50%)
			Projected Collateral	10.00% - 10.00%
			Severities	(10.00%)
	\$ 406,303	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	0.80 - 0.80 (0.80)
			Yield	5.63% - 9.26% (7.72%)
			Projected Collateral	20.00% - 40.00%
			Prepayments	(22.49%)
ABS	\$ 32,719,493	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected Collateral Losses	0.00% - 2.00% (1.75%)
			Projected Collateral	0.00% - 50.00%
			Severities	(43.78%)
	\$ 20,504,295	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	100.00 - 100.00 (100.00)
			Yield	-4.24% - 8.32% (5.74%)
				0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
CMBS	\$ 142,567,125	Discounted Cash Flow		63

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			Projected Collateral Prepayments	
			Projected Collateral Losses	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
			Projected Collateral Severities	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
	\$ 3,300,006	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes Yield	5.90 - 7.41 (6.88) 2.56% - 5.85% (4.28%)
			Projected Collateral Prepayments	100.00% - 100.00% (100.00%)
CMBS Interest Only	\$ 51,971,524	Discounted Cash Flow	1 0	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
			Projected Collateral Severities	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
			Yield	6.25% - 9.00% (7.56%)
			Projected Collateral Prepayments	3.46% - 6.91% (4.66%)
			Projected Collateral Losses	5.21% - 7.02% (5.40%)
Residential Mortgage Loans	\$ 23,867,531	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected	8.67% - 43.58%
			Reperforming Rates	(22.59%)
			Projected Collateral Severities	19.73% - 43.24% (35.85%)
			Projected Timeline to Liquidation (Months)	14.64 - 29.81 (17.31)
			Yield	6.36% - 6.36% (6.36%)
Commercial Loans	\$ 32,800,000	Discounted Cash Flow	Credit Spread	4.75 bps - 4.75 bps (4.75 bps)
Commercial Loans			Recovery Percentage (1)	100.00% - 100.00% (100.00%)
	\$ 24,598,663	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	97.66 - 100.00 (98.65)
	¢ 2 400 760	Discounted Cook Flow	Yield	9.34% - 11.65% (10.01%)
Excess Mortgage Servicing Rights	\$ 2,400,760	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected Collateral Prepayments	8.07% - 12.91%
AG Arc	\$ 279,804 \$ 17,824,219	Consensus Pricing Comparable Multiple	Offered Quotes Book Value Multiple	0.05 - 0.52 (0.48)
	\$ 24,598,663 \$ 2,400,760 \$ 279,804	Consensus Pricing Discounted Cash Flow Consensus Pricing	Severities Projected Timeline to Liquidation (Months) Yield Credit Spread Recovery Percentage (1) Offered Quotes Yield Projected Collateral Prepayments Offered Quotes	(35.85%) 14.64 - 29.81 (17.31) 6.36% - 6.36% (6.36%) 4.75 bps - 4.75 bps (4.75 bps) 100.00% - 100.00% (100.00%) 97.66 - 100.00 (98.65) 9.34% - 11.65% (10.01%) 8.07% - 12.91% (10.13%) 0.05 - 0.52 (0.48)

Liability Class	Fair Value at September 30, 2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
Securitized debt	\$ (17,221,071) Discounted Cash Flow	Yield Projected Collateral Prepayments Projected Collateral Losses Projected Collateral Severities	3.49% - 3.49% (3.49%) 14.00% - 14.00% (14.00%) 7.00% - 7.00% (7.00%) 40.00% - 40.00% (40.00%)

(1) Represents the proportion of the principal expected to be collected relative to the loan balances as of September 30, 2017.

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	Fair Value at			.	
Asset Class	December 31, 2016	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)	
			Yield	1.70% - 18.56% (5.11%)	
			Projected Collateral Prepayments	0.00% - 35.00% (9.84%)	
			Projected Collateral Losses	0.00% - 38.00% (5.22%)	
Non-Agency RMBS	\$694,948,644	Discounted Cash Flow	v	18.53% - 46.77%	
Tion rigency runing			Reperforming Rates	(33.39%)	
			Projected Collateral Severities	0.00% - 100.00% (38.57%)	
			Projected Timeline to Liquidation (Months)	16.13 - 23.09 (20.72)	
	\$22,811,890	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	21.50 - 100.07 (78.89)	
			Yield	17.50% - 17.50% (17.50%)	
			Projected Collateral	18.00% - 18.00%	
Non-Agency RMBS Interest Only	\$3.761.446	Discounted Cash Flow	Prepayments	(18.00%)	
Non-Agency Rivids interest only	ψ3,701,770	Discounted Cash I low	Projected Collateral Losses	0.50% - 0.50% (0.50%)	
			Projected Collateral	10.00% - 10.00%	
			Severities	(10.00%)	
			Yield	4.16% - 6.47% (4.98%)	
			Projected Collateral	1.50% - 40.00%	
. = -	****		Prepayments	(22.31%)	
ABS	\$21,231,956	Discounted Cash Flow	Losses	0.00% - 2.00% (0.88%)	
			Projected Collateral Severities	0.00% - 50.00% (9.81%)	
			Yield	3.32% - 9.16% (6.13%)	
			Projected Collateral Prepayments	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)	
CMBS	\$121,056,008	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected Collateral Losses	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)	
			Projected Collateral Severities	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)	
	\$9,733,607	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	5.03 - 99.81 (68.64)	

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			Yield Projected Collateral Prepayments	2.51% - 9.49% (5.85%) 100.00% - 100.00% (100.00%)
CMBS Interest Only	\$52,136,726	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected Collateral Losses	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
			Projected Collateral Severities	0.00% - 0.00% (0.00%)
			Yield	6.50% - 8.00% (7.42%)
			Projected Collateral Prepayments	3.18% - 5.82% (4.51%)
			Projected Collateral Losses	5.16% - 5.32% (5.18%)
Residential Mortgage Loans	\$38,195,576	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected	9.59% - 34.53%
			Reperforming Rates	(22.91%)
			Projected Collateral	25.19% - 84.80%
			Severities	(45.34%)
			Projected Timeline to Liquidation (Months)	12.32 - 29.85 (14.33)
			Yield	5.65% - 21.70% (7.98%)
Commercial Loans	\$44,800,000	Discounted Cash Flow	Credit Spread	4.75 bps - 10 bps (6.16 bps)
Commercial Loans			Recovery Percentage	100.00% - 100.00%
			(1)	(100.00%)
	\$15,268,800	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	95.43 - 95.43 (95.43)
Excess Mortgage Servicing Rights	\$412,648	Consensus Pricing	Offered Quotes	0.09 - 0.62 (0.55)
AG Arc	\$12,894,819	Comparable Multiple	Book Value Multiple	1.0x

Liability Class	Fair Value at December 31, 2016	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
Securitized debt	\$ (21,491,710)	Discounted Cash Flow	Yield Projected Collateral Prepayments Projected Collateral Losses	3.36% - 3.36% (3.36%) 14.00% - 14.00% (14.00%) 7.00% - 7.00% (7.00%)
Loan participation payable	\$ (1,800,000)	Discounted Cash Flow	Projected Collateral Severities Yield Credit Spread Recovery	40.00% - 40.00% (40.00%) 21.70% - 21.70% (21.70%) 10 bps - 10 bps (10 bps) 100.00% - 100.00%
			Percentage*	(100.00%)

⁽¹⁾ Represents the proportion of the principal expected to be collected relative to the loan balances as of December 31, 2016.

As further described above, values for the Company's securities portfolio are based upon prices obtained from third party pricing services. Broker quotations may also be used. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's securities are prepayment rates, probability of default, and loss severity in the event of default. Significant increases (decreases) in any of those inputs in isolation would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement. Generally, a change in the assumption used for the probability of default is accompanied by a directionally similar change in the assumption used for the loss severity and a directionally opposite change in the assumption used for prepayment rates.

Also, as described above, valuation of the Company's loan portfolio is determined by the Manager using third-party pricing services where available, specialized third party valuation service providers, or model-based pricing. The evaluation considers the underlying characteristics of each loan, which are observable inputs, including: coupon, maturity date, loan age, reset date, collateral type, periodic and life cap, geography, and prepayment speeds. These valuations also require significant judgments, which include assumptions regarding capitalization rates, re-performance rates, leasing, creditworthiness of major tenants, occupancy rates, availability of financing, exit plan, loan sponsorship, actions of other lenders and other factors deemed necessary by management. Changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of our investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently estimated. If applicable, analyses provided by valuation service providers are reviewed and considered by the Manager.

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6. Repurchase agreements

The Company pledges certain real estate securities and loans as collateral under repurchase agreements with financial institutions, the terms and conditions of which are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Repurchase agreements involve the sale and a simultaneous agreement to repurchase the transferred assets or similar assets at a future date. The amount borrowed generally is equal to the fair value of the assets pledged less an agreed-upon discount, referred to as a "haircut." The Company calculates haircuts disclosed in the tables below by dividing allocated capital on each borrowing by the current fair market value of each investment. Repurchase agreements entered into by the Company are accounted for as financings and require the repurchase of the transferred assets at the end of each agreement's term, typically 30 to 90 days. The carrying amount of the Company's repurchase agreements approximates fair value due to their short-term maturities or floating rate coupons. If the Company maintains the beneficial interest in the specific assets pledged during the term of the borrowing, it receives the related principal and interest payments. If the Company does not maintain the beneficial interest in the specific assets pledged during the term of the borrowing, it will have the related principal and interest payments remitted to it by the lender. Interest rates on these borrowings are fixed based on prevailing rates corresponding to the terms of the borrowings, and interest is paid at the termination of the borrowing at which time the Company may enter into a new borrowing arrangement at prevailing market rates with the same counterparty or repay that counterparty and negotiate financing with a different counterparty. If the fair value of pledged assets declines due to changes in market conditions or the publishing of monthly security paydown factors, lenders typically would require the Company to post additional securities as collateral, pay down borrowings or establish cash margin accounts with the counterparties in order to re-establish the agreed-upon collateral requirements, referred to as margin calls. The fair value of financial instruments pledged as collateral on the Company's repurchase agreements disclosed in the tables below represent the Company's fair value of such instruments which may differ from the fair value assigned to the collateral by its counterparties. The Company maintains a level of liquidity in the form of cash and unpledged Agency RMBS and Agency Interest-Only securities in order to meet these obligations. Under the terms of the Company's master repurchase agreements, the counterparties may, in certain cases, sell or re-hypothecate the pledged collateral.

The following table presents certain financial information regarding the Company's repurchase agreements secured by real estate securities as of September 30, 2017:

Repurchase Agreements Collateral Pledged

Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within: Balance Weighte Weighte Fair Value Average Average Pledged

Amortized Cost Accrued Interest

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		Rate	Haircut		
Overnight	\$107,066,000	1.26%	3.0 % \$110,372,484	\$109,526,493	\$313,586
30 days or less	2,039,853,000	1.77%	9.6 % 2,297,649,801	2,231,098,823	7,932,198
31-60 days	369,334,000	1.87%	10.3 % 425,787,109	419,340,738	1,349,706
61-90 days	19,965,000	2.79%	26.2% 27,056,415	26,820,517	106,417
91-180 days	111,027,000	1.55%	10.0% 124,326,562	124,458,675	341,221
Greater than 180 days	12,105,000	2.89%	17.9% 14,804,895	14,808,920	19,952
Total / Weighted Average	\$2,659,350,000	1.76%	9.6 % \$2,999,997,266	\$2,926,054,166	\$10,063,080

The following table presents certain financial information regarding the Company's repurchase agreements secured by real estate securities as of December 31, 2016:

			Collateral Pledged			
Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighte Average Rate	Weighte Average Haircut	Fair Value Pledged	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest
Overnight	\$70,899,000	0.66%	3.5 %	\$73,485,225	\$73,170,802	\$191,554
30 days or less	961,185,000	1.79%	14.7%	1,164,241,469	1,152,472,020	3,851,520
31-60 days	465,776,000	1.23%	8.6 %	514,624,485	512,633,509	1,607,435
61-90 days	129,119,000	1.69%	13.2%	151,989,415	151,567,289	399,702
91-180 days	16,897,000	2.81%	21.6%	21,554,174	21,892,108	17,056
Greater than 180 days	209,293,104	1.93%	4.7 %	252,940,437	244,734,715	948,975
Total / Weighted Average	\$1,853,169,104	1.63%	11.5%	\$2,178,835,205	\$2,156,470,443	\$7,016,242

The following table presents certain financial information regarding the Company's repurchase agreements secured by interests in residential mortgage loans as of September 30, 2017:

			Collateral Pledged		
Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted Weighted Weighted Average Average Funding Haircut	ed Fair Value Pledged	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest
Greater than 180 days	\$13,405,824	3.74% 3.97% 35.2%	\$20,767,883	\$19,352,254	\$26,553

The following table presents certain financial information regarding the Company's repurchase agreements secured by interests in residential mortgage loans as of December 31, 2016:

	Repurchase Agreements		Collateral Pledged		
Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted Weighted Weighted Average Average Funding Haircut	ed Fair Value Pledged	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest

Greater than 180 days

\$25,544,702 3.27% 3.79% 30.3% \$34,088,921 \$32,849,686 \$45,068

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The following table presents certain financial information regarding the Company's repurchase agreements secured by interests in commercial loans as of September 30, 2017:

	Repurchase A	agreements	Collateral Ple	dged	
Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted Weighted Weighted Average Funding Haircut	d Fair Value Pledged	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest
Greater than 180 days	\$21,796,000	3.39% 3.39% 33.5%	\$32,800,000	\$32,800,000	\$206,986

The following table presents certain financial information regarding the Company's repurchase agreements secured by commercial loans as of December 31, 2016:

	Repurchase Agreements		Collateral Pledged		
Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted Weighted Average Average Rate Cost Veighted Average Funding Haircut	l Fair Value Pledged	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest
Greater than 180 days	\$21,796,000	2.91% 3.13% 33.5% \$	\$32,800,000	\$32,798,706	\$125,314

Although repurchase agreements are committed borrowings until maturity, the lender retains the right to mark the underlying collateral to fair value. A reduction in the value of pledged assets resulting from changes in market conditions or factor changes would require the Company to provide additional collateral or cash to fund margin calls. See Note 7 for details on collateral posted/received against certain derivatives. The following table presents information with respect to the Company's posting of collateral under repurchase agreements on September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, broken out by investment type:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Fair Value of investments pledged as collateral under repurchase		
agreements		
Agency RMBS	\$ 1,849,664,503	\$ 965,154,048

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Non-Agency RMBS	905,878,564	990,985,143
ABS	35,918,646	21,231,956
CMBS	208,535,553	201,464,058
Residential Mortgage Loans	20,767,883	31,031,107
Commercial Mortgage Loans	32,800,000	32,800,000
Cash pledged (i.e., restricted cash) under repurchase agreements	10,855,418	17,149,022
Fair Value of unsettled trades pledged as collateral under repurchase	-	3,057,814
agreements:		0,007,011
Total collateral pledged under Repurchase agreements	\$ 3,064,420,567	\$ 2,262,873,148

The following table presents information with respect to the Company's total borrowings under repurchase agreements on September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, broken out by investment type:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Repurchase agreements secured by investments:		
Agency RMBS	\$ 1,752,725,000	\$ 907,041,000
Non-Agency RMBS	721,638,000	776,459,104
ABS	26,248,000	15,283,000
CMBS	158,739,000	154,386,000
Residential Mortgage Loans	13,405,824	25,544,702
Commercial Mortgage Loans	21,796,000	21,796,000
Gross Liability for Repurchase agreements	\$ 2,694,551,824	\$ 1,900,509,806

The following table presents both gross information and net information about repurchase agreements eligible for offset in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2017:

				Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets		
Description	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidate Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the ed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments Posted	Cash Collateral Net Posted Amount	
Repurchase Agreements	\$2,694,551,824	\$ -	\$ 2,694,551,824	\$ 2,694,551,824	\$ - \$ -	

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The following table presents both gross information and net information about repurchase agreements eligible for offset in the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016:

				Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets		
Description	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidate Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the d Consolidated Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments Posted	Cash Collateral Net Posted Amount	
Repurchase Agreements	\$1,900,509,806	\$ -	\$ 1,900,509,806	\$ 1,900,509,806	\$ - \$ -	

The Company seeks to obtain financing from several different counterparties in order to reduce the financing risk related to any single counterparty. The Company has entered into master repurchase agreements ("MRAs") or loan agreements with such financing counterparties. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the Company had 39 and 37 financing counterparties, respectively, under which it had outstanding debt with 28 and 23 counterparties, respectively.

The following table presents information at September 30, 2017 with respect to each counterparty that provides the Company with financing for which the Company had greater than 5% of its stockholders' equity at risk, excluding stockholders' equity at risk under financing through affiliated entities.

Countamouty	Stockholders' Equity	Weighted Average	Percentage of	
Counterparty	at Risk	Maturity (days)	Stockholders' Equit	y
RBC (Barbados) Trading Bank Corporation	\$ 40,066,058	22	6	%
Barclays Capital Inc	37,669,214	11	5	%

The following table presents information at December 31, 2016 with respect to each counterparty that provides the Company with financing for which the Company had greater than 5% of its stockholders' equity at risk, excluding stockholders' equity at risk under financing through affiliated entities.

Countaments	Stockholders' Equity	Weighted Average	Percentage of	
Counterparty	at Risk	Maturity (days)	Stockholders' Equit	ty
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	\$ 50,917,158	357	8	%
JP Morgan Securities, LLC	34,885,263	160	5	%

On April 13, 2015, the Company, AG MIT, LLC ("AG MIT") and AG MIT CMO, LLC ("AG MIT CMO"), each a subsidiary of the Company, entered into Amendment Number 2 to the Master Repurchase and Securities Contract (the "Second Renewal") with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"). The Company elected not to renew the Second Renewal as of September 30, 2017, and the securities that were financed under this facility have since been financed with different counterparties. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had \$93.4 million of debt outstanding under this facility.

On February 23, 2017, AG MIT WFB1 2014 LLC ("AG MIT WFB1"), a subsidiary of the Company, entered into Amendment Number Five of the Master Repurchase Agreement and Securities Contract (as amended, the "WFB1 Repurchase Agreement") with Wells Fargo to finance the ownership and acquisition of certain beneficial interests in trusts owning participation interests in one or more pools of residential mortgage loans. Each transaction under the WFB1 Repurchase Agreement has its own specific terms, such as identification of the assets subject to the transaction, sale price, repurchase price and rate. The WFB1 Repurchase Agreement provides for a funding period ending February 23, 2018 and a facility termination date of February 22, 2019. The maximum aggregate borrowing capacity available under the WFB1 Repurchase Agreement is \$50.0 million. The WFB1 Repurchase Agreement contains representations, warranties, covenants, including financial covenants, events of default and indemnities that are customary for agreements of this type. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had \$13.4 million of debt outstanding under the WFB1 Repurchase Agreement. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had \$25.5 million of debt outstanding under Amendment Number Four of the WFB1 Repurchase Agreement.

On September 17, 2014, AG MIT CREL, LLC ("AG MIT CREL"), a subsidiary of the Company, entered into a Master Repurchase Agreement and Securities Contract (the "CREL Repurchase Agreement") with Wells Fargo to finance AG MIT CREL's acquisition of certain beneficial interests in one or more commercial mortgage loans. Each transaction under the CREL Repurchase Agreement will have its own specific terms, such as identification of the assets subject to the transaction, sale price, repurchase price and rate. The CREL Repurchase Agreement provided for a funding period ending September 17, 2016 and an initial facility termination date of September 17, 2016 (the "Initial Termination Date"), subject to the satisfaction of certain terms of the extensions described below. AG MIT CREL had three (3) one-year options to extend the term of the CREL Repurchase Agreement: (i) the first for an additional one year period (the "First Extension Period") ending September 17, 2017 (the "First Extended Termination Date"), (ii) the second for an additional one year period (the "Second Extension Period") ending September 17, 2018 (the "Second Extended Termination Date") and (iii) the third for an additional one year period ending September 17, 2019 (the "Third Extended Termination Date"). For each of the Initial Termination Date, the First Extended Termination Date, the Second Extended Termination Date and the Third Extended Termination Date, if such day is not a Business Day, such date would be the next succeeding Business Day. Each option was exercisable in each case no more than ninety (90) days and no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the initial facility termination date, the First Extended Termination Date or

the Second Extended Termination Date, as the case may be.

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On August 4, 2015, the Company, AG MIT CREL and AG MIT entered into an Omnibus Amendment No. 1 to Master Repurchase and Securities Contract, Guarantee Agreement and Fee and Pricing Letter (the "First Amendment") with Wells Fargo. The First Amendment amended certain terms in the CREL Repurchase Agreement, the Guarantee, dated as of September 17, 2014, delivered by the Company and AG MIT to Wells Fargo and the Fee and Pricing Letter, dated as of September 17, 2014, between AG MIT CREL and Wells Fargo. The First Amendment lowered the maximum aggregate borrowing capacity available under the CREL Repurchase Agreement from \$150 million to approximately \$42.8 million. The First Amendment also provided that the CREL Repurchase Agreement become full recourse to the Company and AG MIT, LLC. By amending the recourse of the CREL Repurchase Agreement to the Company and AG MIT CREL could borrow under the CREL Repurchase Agreement. The First Amendment also eliminated the fee for the portion of the repurchase facility that was unused. The CREL Repurchase Agreement contains representations, warranties, covenants, including financial covenants, events of default and indemnities that are customary for agreements of this type. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had \$21.8 million of debt outstanding under this facility.

In September 2016, the Company exercised its option to extend the term of the CREL Repurchase Agreement to the First Extended Termination Date. In June 2017, the Company, AG MIT CREL and AG MIT entered into an Omnibus Amendment No. 2 to Master Repurchase and Securities Contract, Guarantee Agreement and Fee and Pricing Letter (the "Second Amendment") with Wells Fargo. The Second Amendment amended the CREL Repurchase Agreement to extend the facility termination date to July 1, 2019 and remove the second and third extension options.

The Company's MRAs generally include customary representations, warranties, and covenants, but may also contain more restrictive supplemental terms and conditions. Although specific to each MRA, typical supplemental terms include requirements of minimum equity, leverage ratios, performance triggers or other financial ratios.

7. Derivatives

The Company's derivatives may include interest rate swaps ("swaps"), TBAs, and Eurodollar Futures and U.S. Treasury Futures, (collectively, "Futures"). Derivatives have not been designated as hedging instruments. The Company may also utilize other instruments to manage interest rate risk, including long and short positions in U.S. Treasury securities.

The Company exchanges cash "variation margin" with the counterparties to its derivative instruments at least on a daily basis based upon daily changes in fair value as measured by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME"), the central clearinghouse through which those derivatives are cleared. In addition, the CME requires market participants to deposit and maintain an "initial margin" amount which is determined by the CME and is generally intended to be set at a level sufficient to protect the CME from the maximum estimated single-day price movement in that market participant's contracts.

Receivables recognized for the right to reclaim cash initial margin posted in respect of derivative instruments are included in the "Restricted cash" line item in the consolidated balance sheets. Prior to the first quarter of 2017, the daily exchange of variation margin associated with centrally cleared derivative instruments was considered a pledge of collateral. For these prior periods, receivables recognized for the right to reclaim cash variation margin posted in respect of derivative instruments are included in the "Restricted cash" line item in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company elected to offset any payables recognized for the obligation to return cash variation margin received from a derivative instrument counterparty against receivables recognized for the right to reclaim cash initial margin posted by the Company to that same counterparty.

Beginning in the first quarter of 2017, as a result of a CME amendment to their rule book which governs their central clearing activities, the daily exchange of variation margin associated with a centrally cleared derivative instrument is legally characterized as the daily settlement of the derivative instrument itself, as opposed to a pledge of collateral. Accordingly, beginning in 2017, the Company accounts for the daily receipt or payment of variation margin associated with its centrally cleared derivative instruments as a direct reduction to the carrying value of the derivative asset or liability, respectively. Beginning in 2017, the carrying amount of centrally cleared derivative instruments reflected in the Company's consolidated balance sheets approximates the unsettled fair value of such instruments; because variation margin is exchanged on a one-day lag, the unsettled fair value of such instruments represents the change in fair value that occurred on the last day of the reporting period. Non-exchange traded derivatives were not affected by these legal interpretations and continue to be reported at fair value including accrued interest.

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The following table presents the fair value of the Company's derivative and other instruments and their balance sheet location at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

Derivatives and Other Instruments	Designation	Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Interest rate swaps	Non-Hedge	Derivative liabilities, at fair value	\$ (587,383) 5	\$ (1,847,219)
Interest rate swaps	Non-Hedge	Derivative assets, at fair value	815,622		3,703,366	
TBAs	Non-Hedge	Derivative liabilities, at fair value	(1,537,167)	(423,825)
TBAs	Non-Hedge	Derivative assets, at fair value	117,693		-	
Short positions on Eurodollar Futures	Non-Hedge	Derivative assets, at fair value	75,000		-	
Short positions on U.S. Treasury Futures	Non-Hedge	Derivative liabilities, at fair value	-		(636,211)
Short positions on U.S. Treasury Futures	Non-Hedge	Derivative assets, at fair value	19,531		-	
Short positions on U.S. Treasuries	Non-Hedge	Obligation to return securities borrowed under reverse repurchase agreements, at fair value (1)	-		(22,365,000)

(1) The Company's obligation to return securities borrowed under reverse repurchase agreements as of December 31, 2016 relates to securities borrowed to cover short sales of U.S. Treasury securities. The change in fair value of the borrowed securities is recorded in the "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivatives and other instruments, net" line item in the Company's consolidated statement of operations.

The following table summarizes information related to derivatives and other instruments:

Non-hedge derivatives and other instruments held long/(short): September 30, 2017 December 31, 2016

Notional amount of Pay Fix/Receive Float Interest Rate Swap Agreements \$1,862,000,000 \$644,000,000

Notional amount of TBAs	116,000,000		(25,000,000)
Notional amount of short positions on Eurodollar Futures (1)	(150,000,000)	-	
Notional amount of short positions on U.S. Treasury Futures (2)	(25,000,000)	(141,500,000)
Notional amount of short positions on U.S. Treasuries	-		(24,000,000)

- (1) Each Eurodollar Future contract embodies \$1.0 million of notional value.
- (2) Each U.S. Treasury Future contract embodies \$100,000 of notional value.

The following table summarizes gains/(losses) related to derivatives and other instruments:

		Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Nin Mo End
Non-hedge derivatives and other instruments gain/(loss):	•	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	Sep 30,
Y de la contraction de Colombia	Unrealized gain/(loss) on	Φ 2 054 060	ΦΩ 7 ΩΩ 42Ω	Φ.6
Interest rate swaps, at fair value	derivative and other instruments, net	\$2,954,860	\$9,700,438	\$6,
Interest rate swaps, at fair value	Net realized gain/(loss) Unrealized gain/(loss) on	(1,813,293)	(5,205,405)) (9
Long positions on Eurodollar Futures	derivative and other instruments,	-	2,997	_
	net			,
Chart agaitians on Eurodollon Eutymas	Unrealized gain/(loss) on	74.624	146 044	7/
Short positions on Eurodollar Futures	derivative and other instruments, net	74,624	146,044	74
Short positions on Eurodollar Futures	Net realized gain/(loss)	323,059	242,006	32
	Unrealized gain/(loss) on	·,	-	-
Long positions on U.S. Treasury Futures	derivative and other instruments,	-	126,468	-
TO THE THE PARTY OF THE PARTY O	net		(251 220	, ,
Long positions on U.S. Treasury Futures	Net realized gain/(loss) Unrealized gain/(loss) on	-	(351,329)	<i>)</i> -
Short positions on U.S. Treasury Futures	derivative and other instruments,	(721,752)	(21,123)) 65
•	net	-	•	ĺ
Short positions on U.S. Treasury Futures	Net realized gain/(loss) Unrealized gain/(loss) on	(223,953)	292,930	(4
TBAs (1)	derivative and other instruments,	53,913	(409,021)) (9
	net	•		-
TBAs (1)	Net realized gain/(loss)	1,671,836	420,547	3,
	Unrealized gain/(loss) on			
Long positions on U.S. Treasuries	derivative and other instruments, net	-	(3,081,289)) -
Long positions on U.S. Treasuries	Net realized gain/(loss)	_	1,412,695	_
Bong positions on Clar Transmiss	Unrealized gain/(loss) on		1,112,000	
Short positions on U.S. Treasuries	derivative and other instruments,	-	415,782	(1
	net			

Short positions on U.S. Treasuries

Net realized gain

(1) For the three months ended September 30, 2017, gains and losses from purchases and sales of TBAs consisted of \$1.5 million of net TBA dollar roll net interest income and net gains of \$0.2 million due to price changes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, gains and losses from purchases and sales of TBAs consisted of \$2.6 million of net TBA dollar roll net interest income and net losses of \$(0.6) million due to price changes. For the three months ended September 30, 2016, gains and losses from purchases and sales of TBAs consisted of \$0.1 million of net TBA dollar roll net interest income and net losses of \$(0.1) million due to price changes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, gains and losses from purchases and sales of TBAs consisted of \$0.2 million of net TBA dollar roll net interest income and net gains of \$0.3 million due to price changes.

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The following table presents both gross information and net information about derivative and other instruments eligible for offset in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2017:

					Offs	ss Amounts Not bet in the solidated Balance et	
Description	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets (Liabilities)		in the blidated	Net Amounts of Assets (Liabilities) Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets		incial Cash Collateral ruments (Posted)/Received sted)/Received	Net Amount
Derivative Assets (1)							
Interest Rate Swaps	\$ 1,151,090	\$	-	\$ 1,151,090	\$ -	\$ 598,139	\$ 552,951
U.S. Treasury Futures - Short	19,531		-	19,531	-	-	19,531
Eurodollar Futures - Short	75,000		-	75,000	-	-	75,000
TBAs	117,693		-	117,693	-	-	117,693
Total Derivative Assets	\$ 1,363,314	\$	-	\$ 1,363,314	\$ -	\$ 598,139	\$ 765,175
Derivative Liabilities (2)	:						
Interest Rate Swaps	\$ (534,763	\$	_	\$ (534,763) \$ -	\$ (534,763) \$-
TBAs	(1,537,167)	-	(1,537,167) -	(1,537,167) -
Total Derivative Liabilities	\$ (2,071,930	\$	-	\$ (2,071,930) \$ -	\$ (2,071,930) \$-

⁽¹⁾ Included in Derivative Assets on the consolidated balance sheet is \$1,363,314 less accrued interest of \$(335,468) for a total of \$1,027,846.

⁽²⁾ Included in Derivative Liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet is (2,071,930) less accrued interest of (52,620) for a total of (2,124,550).

The following table presents both gross information and net information about derivative instruments eligible for offset in the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016:

		C			the	nts Not Offset in I Balance Sheet	
Description	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets (Liabilities)	A O th C B	ross mounts iffset in le Consolida alance heets	Net Amounts of Assets (Liabilities) Presented in the act Consolidated Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments (Posted)/Rec	Cash Collateral eiv ∉B osted)/Recei	Net Amount ved
Receivable Under Reverse Repurchase Agreements	\$ 22,680,000	\$	-	\$ 22,680,000	\$22,365,000	\$ -	\$315,000
Derivative Assets (1)							
Interest Rate Swaps	\$4,559,134	\$	-	\$ 4,559,134	\$ -	\$ 879,575	\$3,679,559
Total Derivative Assets	\$4,559,134	\$	-	\$ 4,559,134	\$ -	\$ 879,575	\$3,679,559
Derivative Liabilities (2)							
Interest Rate Swaps	\$ (1,705,865) \$	-	\$ (1,705,865) \$-	\$ (1,705,865) \$-
U.S. Treasury FuturesShort	(636,211)	-	(636,211) -	(636,211) -
TBAs	(423,824)	-	(423,824) (423,824) -	-
Total Derivative Liabilities	\$ (2,765,900) \$	-	\$ (2,765,900) \$(423,824) \$ (2,342,076) \$-

⁽¹⁾ Included in Derivative Assets on the consolidated balance sheet is \$4,559,134 less accrued interest of \$(855,768) for a total of \$3,703,366.

The Company must post cash or securities as collateral on its derivative instruments when their fair value declines. This typically occurs when prevailing market rates change adversely, with the severity of the change also dependent on the term of the derivatives involved. The posting of collateral is generally bilateral, meaning that if the fair value of the Company's derivatives increases, its counterparty will post collateral to it. On September 30, 2017, the Company pledged real estate securities with a fair value of \$7.7 million and cash of \$26.5 million as collateral against certain derivatives. The Company's counterparties posted cash of \$0.6 million to it as collateral for certain derivatives. On December 31, 2016, the Company pledged real estate securities with a fair value of \$7.1 million and cash of \$9.4

⁽²⁾ Included in Derivative Liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet is \$(2,765,900) plus accrued interest of \$(141,355) for a total of \$(2,907,255).

million as collateral against certain derivatives. The Company's counterparties posted cash of \$0.9 million to it as collateral for certain derivatives.

Interest rate swaps

To help mitigate exposure to increases in short-term interest rates, the Company uses currently-paying and may use forward-starting, one- or three-month LIBOR-indexed, pay-fixed, receive-variable, interest rate swap agreements. This arrangement hedges our exposure to higher short-term interest rates because the variable-rate payments received on the swap agreements largely offset additional interest accruing on the related borrowings due to the higher interest rate, leaving the fixed-rate payments to be paid on the swap agreements as the Company's effective borrowing rate, subject to certain adjustments including changes in spreads between variable rates on the swap agreements and actual borrowing rates.

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As of September 30, 2017, the Company's interest rate swap positions consist of pay-fixed interest rate swaps. The following table presents information about the Company's interest rate swaps as of September 30, 2017:

Maturity Notional Amount		Weighted Average		Weighted Average		Weighted Average	
Maturity	Notional Amount	Pay-Fixed Rate		Receive-Variable Rate		Years to Maturity	
2017	\$36,000,000	0.88	%	1.31	%	0.09	
2019	170,000,000	1.36	%	1.31	%	2.13	
2020	620,000,000	1.64	%	1.31	%	2.63	
2022	606,000,000	1.87	%	1.32	%	4.78	
2024	205,000,000	2.03	%	1.31	%	6.71	
2026	75,000,000	2.12	%	1.31	%	9.14	
2027	150,000,000	2.26	%	1.32	%	9.63	
Total/Wtd Avg	\$ 1,862,000,000	1.79	%	1.32	%	4.51	

As of December 31, 2016, the Company's interest rate swap positions consist of pay-fixed interest rate swaps. The following table presents information about the Company's interest rate swaps as of December 31, 2016:

Maturity	Notional Amount	Weighted Average		Weighted Average		Weighted Average	
iviaturity	Notional Amount	Pay-Fixed Rate		Receive-Variable Rate	;	Years to Maturity	
2017	\$ 36,000,000	0.88	%	0.89	%	0.84	
2019	170,000,000	1.36	%	0.91	%	2.88	
2020	115,000,000	1.59	%	0.90	%	3.20	
2021	60,000,000	1.86	%	0.96	%	4.94	
2022	53,000,000	1.69	%	0.94	%	5.69	
2023	85,000,000	2.30	%	0.94	%	6.43	
2025	30,000,000	2.48	%	0.94	%	8.43	
2026	95,000,000	2.17	%	0.92	%	9.90	
Total/Wtd Avg	g \$ 644,000,000	1.74	%	0.92	%	5.01	

TBAs

As discussed in Note 2, the Company has entered into TBAs. The following table presents information about the Company's TBAs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016:

For the	Three	Months	Ended	Sentember	- 30	2017

	Beginning Notional Amount	Buys or Covers	Sales or Shorts	Ending Notional Amount	Fair Value as of Period End	Receivable/(Pay from/to Broker	able) Derivative Asset	Derivative Liability
TBAs								
-	\$300,000,000	\$738,000,000	\$(922,000,000)	\$116,000,000	\$121,125,315	\$(122,544,789)	\$117,693	\$(1,537,167)
Long								
TBAs								
-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Short								

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

	Beginning Notional Amount	Buys or Covers	Sales or Shorts	_		from/to	ayable) Derivative Asset	Derivative Liability
TBAs - Long	\$100,000,000	\$102,000,000	\$(202,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$-
TBAs - Short	\$-	\$168,000,000	\$(168,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (109,375	\$312,500	\$(421,875)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

	Beginning Notional Amount	Buys or Covers	Sales or Shorts	Ending Notional Amount	Fair Value as of Period End	Receivable/(Pay from/to Broker	able) Derivative Asset	Derivative Liability
TBAs - Long		\$1,914,000,000	\$(1,848,000,000)	\$116,000,000	\$121,125,315	\$(122,544,789)	\$117,693	\$(1,537,167)
TBAs - Short	\$(75,000,000)	\$75,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

	Beginning Notional Amount	Buys or Covers	Sales or Shorts	Ending Notional Amount			Receivable/(Pay from/to Broker	able) Derivative Asset	Derivative Liability
TBAs - Long	\$75,000,000	\$379,000,000	\$(454,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$-	\$-
TBAs - Short	\$-	\$393,000,000	\$(393,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (109,375)	\$312,500	\$(421,875)

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8. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated by dividing net income/(loss) available to common stockholders for the period by the weighted- average shares of the Company's common stock outstanding for that period that participate in the Company's common dividends. Diluted EPS takes into account the effect of dilutive instruments, such as stock options, warrants, unvested restricted stock and unvested restricted stock units but uses the average share price for the period in determining the number of incremental shares that are to be added to the weighted-average number of shares outstanding.

As of September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Company's outstanding warrants and unvested restricted stock units were as follows:

September 30, 2017 September 30, 2016
Outstanding warrants
Unvested restricted stock units previously granted to the Manager

September 30, 2017 September 30, 2016

1,007,500

1,007,500

20,003

Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase half a share of the Company's common stock at a fixed price upon exercise of the warrant. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Company excluded the effects of such from the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would be anti-dilutive.

Restricted stock units granted to the manager do not entitle the participant the rights of a shareholder of the Company's common stock, such as dividend and voting rights, until shares are issued in settlement of the vested units. The restricted stock units are not considered to be participating shares. The dilutive effects of the restricted stock units are only included in diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the earnings and shares used in calculating basic and diluted EPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016:

Numerator:	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
Net income/(loss) available to common stockholders for basic and diluted earnings per share	\$ 32,644,083	\$ 42,764,611	\$ 84,198,168	\$ 54,662,617
Denominator:				
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	27,841,452	27,802,124	27,756,357	28,036,809
Dilutive effect of restricted stock units	15,313	2,030	13,942	-
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	27,856,765	27,804,154	27,770,299	28,036,809
Basic Earnings/(Loss) Per Share of Common Stock:	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.95
Diluted Earnings/(Loss) Per Share of Common Stock:	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.95

The following tables detail our common stock dividends for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and September 30, 2016:

2017					
Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Div	vidend Per Shar	e
3/10/2017	3/21/2017	4/28/2017	\$	0.475	
6/8/2017	6/19/2017	7/31/2017		0.475	
9/11/2017	9/29/2017	10/31/2017		0.575	*

^{*}The combined dividend of \$0.575 includes a dividend of \$0.475 per common share and a special cash dividend of \$0.10 per common share.

2016				
Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Di	vidend Per Share
3/10/2016	3/21/2016	4/29/2016	\$	0.475
6/9/2016	6/20/2016	7/29/2016		0.475
9/12/2016	9/23/2016	10/31/2016		0.475

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The following tables detail our preferred stock dividends during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and September 30, 2016:

2017				
Dividend	Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Dividend Per Share
8.25% Series A	2/16/2017	2/28/2017	3/17/2017	\$ 0.51563
8.25% Series A	5/15/2017	5/31/2017	6/19/2017	0.51563
8.25% Series A	8/16/2017	8/31/2017	9/18/2017	0.51563
			•	Dividend Per Share
8.00% Series B		2/28/2017	3/17/2017	\$ 0.50
8.00% Series B	5/15/2017		6/19/2017	0.50
8.00% Series B	8/16/2017	8/31/2017	9/18/2017	0.50
2016				
Dividend			•	Dividend Per Share
8.25% Series A	2/12/2016	2/29/2016	3/17/2016	\$ 0.51563
8.25% Series A	5/13/2016	5/31/2016	6/17/2016	0.51563
8.25% Series A	8/15/2016	8/31/2016	9/19/2016	0.51563
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Dividend	Declaration Date		•	Dividend Per Share
8.00% Series B		2/29/2016	3/17/2016	\$ 0.50
	5/13/2016		6/17/2016	•

9. Income taxes

As a REIT, the Company is not subject to federal income tax to the extent that it makes qualifying distributions to its stockholders, and provided it satisfies on a continuing basis, through actual investment and operating results, the REIT requirements including certain asset, income, distribution and stock ownership tests. Most states follow U.S. federal income tax treatment of REITs.

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Company recorded excise tax expense of \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Company recorded excise tax expense of \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Excise tax represents a four percent tax on the required amount of the Company's ordinary income and net capital gains not distributed during the year. The quarterly expense is calculated in accordance with applicable tax regulations.

The Company files tax returns in several U.S jurisdictions. There are no ongoing U.S. federal, state or local tax examinations.

The Company elected to treat certain domestic subsidiaries as TRSs and may elect to treat other subsidiaries as TRSs. In general, a TRS may hold assets and engage in activities that the Company cannot hold or engage in directly, and generally may engage in any real estate or non-real estate-related business.

The Company elected to treat one of its foreign subsidiaries as a TRS and, accordingly, taxable income generated by this TRS may not be subject to local income taxation, but generally will be included in the Company's income on a current basis as Subpart F income, whether or not distributed.

Cash distributions declared by the Company that do not exceed its current or accumulated earnings and profits will be considered ordinary income to stockholders for income tax purposes unless all or a portion of a distribution is designated by the Company as a capital gain dividend. Distributions in excess of the Company's current and accumulated earnings and profits will be characterized as return of capital or capital gains.

Based on the Company's analysis of any potential uncertain income tax positions, the Company concluded it did not have any uncertain tax positions that meet the recognition or measurement criteria of ASC 740 as of September 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016. The Company's federal income tax returns for the last three tax years are open to examination by the Internal Revenue Service. In the event that the Company incurs income tax related interest and penalties, its policy is to classify them as a component of provision for income taxes.

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10. Related party transactions

The Company has entered into a management agreement with the Manager, which provided for an initial term and will be deemed renewed automatically each year for an additional one-year period, subject to certain termination rights. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no event of termination had occurred. The Company is externally managed and advised by the Manager. Pursuant to the terms of the management agreement, which became effective July 6, 2011 (upon the consummation of the Company's initial public offering (the "IPO")), the Manager provides the Company with its management team, including its officers, along with appropriate support personnel. Each of the Company's officers is an employee of Angelo, Gordon. The Company does not have any employees. The Manager, pursuant to a delegation agreement dated as of June 29, 2011, has delegated to Angelo, Gordon the overall responsibility of its day-to-day duties and obligations arising under the Company's management agreement.

Management fee

The Manager is entitled to a management fee equal to 1.50% per annum, calculated and paid quarterly, of the Company's Stockholders' Equity. For purposes of calculating the management fee, "Stockholders' Equity" means the sum of the net proceeds from any issuances of equity securities (including preferred securities) since inception (allocated on a pro rata daily basis for such issuances during the fiscal quarter of any such issuance, and excluding any future equity issuance to the Manager), plus the Company's retained earnings at the end of such quarter (without taking into account any non-cash equity compensation expense or other non-cash items described below incurred in current or prior periods), less any amount that the Company pays for repurchases of its common stock, excluding any unrealized gains, losses or other non-cash items that have impacted stockholders' equity as reported in the Company's financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP, regardless of whether such items are included in other comprehensive income or loss, or in net income, and excluding one-time events pursuant to changes in GAAP, and certain other non-cash charges after discussions between the Manager and the Company's independent directors and after approval by a majority of the Company's independent directors. Stockholders' Equity, for purposes of calculating the management fee, could be greater or less than the amount of stockholders' equity shown on the Company's financial statements.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company incurred management fees of approximately \$2.5 million and \$7.4 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company

incurred management fees of approximately \$2.4 million and \$7.3 million, respectively.

Termination fee

The termination fee, payable upon the occurrence of (i) the Company's termination of the management agreement without cause or (ii) the Manager's termination of the management agreement upon a breach of any material term of the management agreement, will be equal to three times the average annual management fee during the 24-month period prior to such termination, calculated as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal quarter. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no event of termination of the management agreement had occurred.

Expense reimbursement

The Company is required to reimburse the Manager or its affiliates for operating expenses which are incurred by the Manager or its affiliates on behalf of the Company, including expenses relating to legal, accounting, due diligence and other services. The Company's reimbursement obligation is not subject to any dollar limitation; however, the reimbursement is subject to an annual budget process which combines guidelines from the Management Agreement with oversight by the Company's board of directors.

The Company reimburses the Manager or its affiliates for the Company's allocable share of the compensation, including, without limitation, annual base salary, bonus, any related withholding taxes and employee benefits paid to (i) the Company's chief financial officer based on the percentage of time spent on Company affairs, (ii) the Company's general counsel based on the percentage of time spent on the Company's affairs, and (iii) other corporate finance, tax, accounting, internal audit, legal, risk management, operations, compliance and other non-investment personnel of the Manager and its affiliates who spend all or a portion of their time managing the Company's affairs based upon the percentage of time devoted by such personnel to the Company's affairs. In their capacities as officers or personnel of the Manager or its affiliates, they devote such portion of their time to the Company's affairs as is necessary to enable the Company to operate its business.

Of the \$2.6 million and \$8.2 million of Other operating expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, the Company has accrued \$1.4 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, representing a reimbursement of expenses. Of the \$2.9 million and \$8.6 million of Other operating expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, the Company has accrued \$1.8 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, representing a reimbursement of expenses.

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Restricted stock grants

Pursuant to the Company's Manager Equity Incentive Plan and the Equity Incentive Plan adopted on July 6, 2011, the Company can award up to 277,500 shares of its common stock in the form of restricted stock, stock options, restricted stock units or other types of awards to the directors, officers, advisors, consultants and other personnel of the Company and to the Manager. As of September 30, 2017, 65,238 shares of common stock were available to be awarded under the equity incentive plans. Awards under the equity incentive plans are forfeitable until they become vested. An award will become vested only if the vesting conditions set forth in the applicable award agreement (as determined by the compensation committee) are satisfied. The vesting conditions may include performance of services for a specified period, achievement of performance goals, or a combination of both. The compensation committee also has the authority to provide for accelerated vesting of an award upon the occurrence of certain events in its discretion.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company has granted an aggregate of 52,012 shares of restricted common stock to its independent directors and 160,250 shares of restricted common stock to its Manager under its equity incentive plans. As of September 30, 2017, 52,012 and 100,250 shares of restricted common stock granted to the Company's independent directors and Manager, respectively, have vested.

On July 1, 2014, the Company granted 60,000 restricted stock units to the Manager that represent the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of the Company's common stock to be issued if and when such units vest. Annual vesting of approximately 20,000 units occurred on each of July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017.

On July 1, 2017, the Company granted 60,000 restricted stock units to the Manager that represent the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of the Company's common stock if and when the units vest. Annual vesting of approximately 20,000 units will occur on each of July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020. The units do not entitle the participant the rights of a holder of the Company's common stock, such as dividend and voting rights, until shares are issued in settlement of the vested units. The vesting of such units is subject to the continuation of the management agreement. If the management agreement terminates, all unvested units then held by the Manager or the Manager's transferee shall be immediately cancelled and forfeited without consideration.

Director compensation

The Company pays a \$120,000 annual base director's fee to each independent director. Base director's fees are paid 50% in cash and 50% in restricted common stock. The number of shares of restricted common stock to be issued each quarter to each independent director is determined based on the average of the high and low prices of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the last trading day of each fiscal quarter. To the extent that any fractional shares would otherwise be issuable and payable to each independent director, a cash payment is made to each independent director in lieu of any fractional shares. All directors' fees are paid pro rata (and restricted stock grants determined) on a quarterly basis in arrears, and shares issued are fully vested and non-forfeitable. These shares may not be sold or transferred by such director during the time of his service as an independent member of the Company's board.

Investments in debt and equity of affiliates

The Company invests in credit sensitive residential and commercial real estate assets through affiliated entities which hold an ownership interest in the assets. The Company is one investor, amongst other investors managed by affiliates of Angelo, Gordon, in such entities and has applied the equity method of accounting for such investments. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's share of these investments had a fair market value of \$79.8 million and \$69.0 million, respectively.

The Company's investment in AG Arc is reflected on the "Investments in debt and equity of affiliates" line item on its consolidated balance sheets at a fair value of \$17.8 million and \$12.9 million on September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. On March 8, 2016, an affiliate of the Manager ("the Affiliate") became a member of AG Arc. The Affiliate acquired an ownership interest in AG Arc which resulted in the Company's ownership interest being reduced on a pro-rata basis.

In June 2016, Arc Home closed on the acquisition of a Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Housing Administration ("FHA"), Veteran's Administration ("VA") and Ginnie Mae seller/servicer of mortgages with licenses to conduct business in 47 states, including Washington D.C. Through this subsidiary, Arc Home originates conforming, Government, Jumbo and other non-conforming residential mortgage loans, retains the mortgage servicing rights associated with the loans it originates, and purchases additional mortgage servicing rights from third-party sellers. Arc Home is led by an external management team.

Arc Home may sell loans to the Company, to third parties, or to affiliates of the Manager. Arc Home may also enter into agreements with third parties or affiliates of the Manager to sell rights to receive the excess servicing spread related to MSRs that it either purchases from third parties or originates. In March of 2017, the Company entered into an agreement with Arc Home to purchase rights to receive the excess servicing spread related to certain of its MSRs and as of September 30, 2017, these Excess MSRs had fair value of approximately \$2.6 million.

In August 2017, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon entered into MATH's Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "MATH LLC Agreement"), which requires that MATH fund a capital commitment of \$75.0 million to MATT. The Company's share of MATH's total capital commitment to MATT is \$33.4 million. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had not funded any of its commitment to MATH.

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Transactions with affiliates

In May 2015, the Company completed an arm's-length securitization with other investors managed by an affiliate of the Manager (the "Related Parties") by combining the assets of a prior private securitization, in which the Company held a 10.0% ownership interest, with the assets of another private securitization held entirely by the Related Parties. The Company's investment in this securitization is reflected on the "Non-Agency" line item on the consolidated balance sheets and had a fair value of \$3.1 million as of the date of the securitization. The Company completed another similar arm's-length securitization in July 2015 with the Related Parties by combining the assets of a private securitization, in which the Company held a 7.5% ownership interest, with the assets of another private securitization held entirely by the Related Parties. The Company's investment in this securitization is reflected on the "Non-Agency" line item on the consolidated balance sheets and had a fair value of a fair value of \$5.1 million as of the date of the securitization. The remaining interests in each securitization were owned by certain of the Related Parties. Each securitization was backed by collateral consisting of seasoned NPLs and RPLs. The Company obtained third party pricing for each transaction.

In July 2015, the Company completed an arm's-length purchase at fair value. Certain entities managed by an affiliate of the Company's Manager ("Related Entities") had previously formed a joint venture ("Joint Venture") with an unaffiliated third party. The Joint Venture owns certain multi-family properties for which the mortgages partly collateralize a securitization wherein the Company purchased certain bond tranches. To ensure an arm's-length transaction, an affiliate of the Manager delegated its decision making rights with respect to the securitization to a third party servicer. In addition, the members of the Joint Venture agreed to cease sharing material non-public information with the Company's investment team regarding the collateral. The investment by the Company in these bond tranches was reflected on the "Investments in debt and equity of affiliates" line item on the consolidated balance sheets with a fair value of \$7.1 million as of the date of the purchase.

In connection with the Company's investments in residential mortgage loans and residential mortgage loans in securitized form that it purchases from an affiliate (or affiliates) of the Manager ("Securitized Whole Loans"), the Company may engage asset managers to provide advisory, consultation, asset management and other services to formulate and implement strategic plans to manage, collect and dispose of loans in a manner that is reasonably expected to maximize the amount of proceeds from each loan. Beginning in November 2015, the Company engaged Red Creek Asset Management LLC ("Asset Manager"), a related party of the Manager and direct subsidiary of Angelo, Gordon, as the asset manager for certain of its residential loans and Securitized Whole Loans. The Asset Manager acknowledges that the Company will at all times have and retain ownership and control of all loans and that the Asset

Manager will not acquire (i) title to any loan, (ii) any security interest in any loan, or (iii) any other rights or interests of any kind or any nature whatsoever in or to any loan. The Company pays separate arm's-length asset management fees as assessed and confirmed by a third party valuation firm for (i) non-performing loans and (ii) reperforming loans. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the fees paid by the Company to the Asset Manager, inclusive of fees paid through affiliated entities, totaled \$41,732 and \$137,022, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the fees paid by the Company to the Asset Manager, inclusive of fees paid through affiliated entities, totaled \$67,189 and \$202,715, respectively.

In connection with the Company's investments in Excess MSRs purchased through Arc Home, the Company pays a sourcing fee to Arc Home based on the net equity invested by the Company in these investments. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the sourcing fees paid by the Company to Arc Home totaled \$2,921 and \$6,364, respectively. No sourcing fees were paid by the Company to Arc Home for the three or nine months ended September 30, 2016.

In June 2016, in accordance with the Company's Affiliated Transactions Policy, the Company executed two trades whereby the Company acquired real estate securities from two separate affiliates of the Manager (the "June Selling Affiliates"). As of the date of the trades, the securities acquired from the June Selling Affiliates had a total fair value of \$6.9 million. In each case, the June Selling Affiliates sold the real estate securities through a BWIC (Bids Wanted in Competition). Prior to the submission of the BWIC by the June Selling Affiliates, the Company submitted its bid for the real estate securities to the June Selling Affiliates. The Company's pre-submission of its bid allowed the Company to confirm third-party market pricing and best execution.

In February 2017, in accordance with the Company's Affiliated Transactions Policy, the Company executed one trade whereby the Company acquired a real estate security from a separate affiliate of the Manager (the "February Selling Affiliate"). As of the date of the trade, the security acquired from the February Selling Affiliate had a total fair value of \$2.0 million. The February Selling Affiliate sold the real estate security through a BWIC. Prior to the submission of the BWIC by the February Selling Affiliate, the Company submitted its bid for the real estate security to the February Selling Affiliate. The Company's pre-submission of its bid allowed the Company to confirm third-party market pricing and best execution.

In July 2017, in accordance with the Company's Affiliated Transactions Policy, the Company acquired certain real estate securities from an affiliate of the Manager (the "July Selling Affiliate"). As of the date of the trade, the securities acquired from the July Selling Affiliate had a total fair value of \$0.2 million. As procuring market bids for the real estate securities was determined to be impracticable in the Manager's reasonable judgement, appropriate pricing was based on a valuation prepared by an independent third-party pricing vendor. The third-party pricing vendor allowed the Company to confirm third-party market pricing and best execution.

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11. Equity

On May 6, 2015, the Company filed a shelf registration statement, registering up to \$750.0 million of its securities, including capital stock. On September 30, 2017, \$650.0 million of the Company's securities, including capital stock, was available for issuance under the registration statement.

Concurrently with the IPO, the Company offered a private placement of 3,205,000 units at \$20.00 per share to a limited number of investors qualifying as "accredited investors" under Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Each unit consisted of one share of common stock ("private placement share") and a warrant ("private placement warrant") to purchase 0.5 of a share of common stock. Each private placement warrant had an exercise price of \$20.50 per share (as adjusted for reorganizations, reclassifications, consolidations, mergers, sales, transfers or other dispositions) and is set to expire on July 6, 2018. No warrants were exercised for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016.

The Company's Series A and Series B Preferred Stock have no stated maturity and are not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. Under certain circumstances upon a change of control, the Company's Series A and Series B Preferred Stock are convertible to shares of the Company's common stock. Holders of the Company's Series A and Series B Preferred Stock have no voting rights, except under limited conditions, and holders are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at a rate of 8.25% and 8.00% per annum on the Series A and Series B Preferred Stock, respectively, of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference before holders of the common stock are entitled to receive any dividends. Shares of the Company's Series A and Series B Preferred Stock are currently redeemable at \$25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) exclusively at the Company's option. Dividends are payable quarterly in arrears on the 17th day of each March, June, September and December. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had declared all required quarterly dividends on the Company's Series A and Series B Preferred Stock.

On November 3, 2015, the Company's board of directors authorized a stock repurchase program ("Repurchase Program") to repurchase up to \$25.0 million of its outstanding common stock. Such authorization does not have an expiration date. As part of the Repurchase Program, shares may be purchased in open market transactions, including through block purchases, through privately negotiated transactions, or pursuant to any trading plan that may be adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act. Open market repurchases will be made in accordance

with Exchange Act Rule 10b-18, which sets certain restrictions on the method, timing, price and volume of open market stock repurchases. Subject to applicable securities laws, the timing, manner, price and amount of any repurchases of common stock under the Repurchase Program may be determined by the Company in its discretion, using available cash resources. Shares of common stock repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Program, if any, will be cancelled and, until reissued by the Company, will be deemed to be authorized but unissued shares of its common stock as required by Maryland law. The Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued by the Company at any time and without prior notice and the authorization does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount of common stock. The cost of the acquisition by the Company of shares of its own stock in excess of the aggregate par value of the shares first reduces additional paid-in capital, to the extent available, with any residual cost applied against retained earnings. No shares were repurchased under the Repurchase Program during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and approximately \$14.6 million of common stock remained authorized for future share repurchases under the Repurchase Program.

The following table presents a summary of our common stock repurchases under the Repurchase Program for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Month Purchased (1)	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Pri	eighted Average ce per Share id (2)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	ap Sł Pu	aximum Number (or oproximate dollar value) of hares that May Yet be nirchased inder the Program (3)
March 2016	119,606	\$	12.86	246,321	\$	21,790,786
May 2016	276,522		13.75	522,843		17,988,891
June 2016	36,725		14.38	559,568		17,460,743
August 2016	165,842		15.74	725,410		14,850,605
September 2016	16,000		15.76	741,410		14,598,493
Total	614,695	\$	14.20	741,410	\$	14,598,493

- (1) Based on trade date. The Program was announced on November 4, 2015. The Program does not have an expiration date.
- (2) Includes brokerage commissions and clearing fees.
- (3) The maximum dollar amount authorized was \$25.0 million.

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On May 5, 2017, the Company entered into an equity distribution agreement with each of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and JMP Securities LLC (collectively, the "Sales Agents"), which the Company refers to as the "Equity Distribution Agreements", pursuant to which the Company may sell up to \$100.0 million aggregate offering price of shares of its common stock from time to time through the Sales Agents, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933. As of September 30, 2017, the Company sold 460,932 shares of common stock under the Equity Distribution Agreements for net proceeds of approximately \$8.7 million.

12. Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, the Company may become involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business.

On December 9, 2015, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon, through AG Arc, entered into Arc Home's LLC Agreement and agreed to fund an initial capital commitment of \$30.0 million. On April 25, 2017, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon, agreed to fund an additional capital commitment to Arc Home in the amount of \$10.0 million. As of September 30, 2017, the Company's share of Arc Home's total capital commitment was \$17.8 million. The Company had funded all of its capital commitment to Arc Home as of September 30, 2017.

On August 29, 2017, the Company, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon entered into the MATH LLC Agreement, which requires that MATH fund a capital commitment of \$75.0 million to MATT. The Company's share of MATH's total capital commitment to MATT is \$33.4 million. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had not funded any of this commitment.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into agreements where payment may become due if certain events occur. Management believes that the probability of making such payments is remote.

ITEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

In this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, or this "report," we refer to AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc. as "we," "us," the "Company," or "our," unless we specifically state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise. We refer to our external manager, AG REIT Management, LLC, as our "Manager," and we refer to the direct parent company of our Manager, Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P., as "Angelo, Gordon."

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements, which are included in Item 1 of this report, as well as the information contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Forward-Looking Statements

We make forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), in this report that are subject to substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, plans, objectives, the composition of our portfolio, actions by governmental entities, including the Federal Reserve, and the potential effects of actual and proposed legislation on us. When we use the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "continue," "intend," "should," "may" or similar expressions, we intend to identify forward-lost statements.

These forward-looking statements are based upon information presently available to our management and are inherently subjective, uncertain and subject to change. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from our expectations. Some, but not all, of the factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, changes in the yield curve, changes in prepayment rates, the availability and terms of financing, changes in the market value of our assets, general economic conditions, conditions in the market for Agency RMBS, Non-Agency RMBS, ABS and CMBS securities and loans, and legislative and regulatory changes that could adversely affect us. We caution investors not to rely unduly on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made, and urge you to carefully consider the risks noted above and identified under the captions "Risk Factors," and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and any subsequent filings. If any change described above occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. New risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict those events or how they may affect us. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to, and do not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All forward-looking statements that we make, or that are attributable to us, are expressly

qualified by this cautionary notice.

Our company

We are a Maryland corporation focused on investing in, acquiring and managing a diversified portfolio of residential mortgage assets, other real estate-related securities and financial assets, which we refer to as our target assets. We are externally managed by our Manager, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Angelo, Gordon, pursuant to a management agreement. Our Manager, pursuant to the delegation agreement dated as of June 29, 2011, has delegated to Angelo, Gordon the overall responsibility of its day-to-day duties and obligations arising under the management agreement. We conduct our operations to qualify and be taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, we generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes on our taxable income that we distribute currently to our stockholders as long as we maintain our intended qualification as a REIT. We also operate our business in a manner that permits us to maintain our exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Investment Company Act. Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the symbol MITT. Our 8.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and our 8.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock trade on the NYSE under the symbols MITT-PA and MITT-PB, respectively.

Our investment portfolio

Our investment portfolio is comprised of Agency RMBS, Residential Investments, Commercial Investments, and ABS, each of which is described below.

Agency RMBS

Our investment portfolio is comprised primarily of residential mortgage-backed securities, or RMBS. Certain of the assets in our RMBS portfolio have an explicit guarantee of principal and interest by a U.S. government agency such as the Government National Mortgage Association, or Ginnie Mae, or by a government-sponsored entity such as the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Freddie Mac (each, a "GSE"). We refer to these securities as Agency RMBS. Our Agency RMBS portfolio includes:

Fixed rate securities (held as mortgage pass-through securities);

Sequential pay fixed rate collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"),

CMOs where the holder is entitled only to the interest payments made on the mortgages underlying certain mortgage backed securities ("MBS") whose coupon has an inverse relationship to its benchmark rate, such as LIBOR ("Inverse interest-only securities");

CMOs where the holder is entitled only to the interest payments made on the mortgages underlying certain MBS "interest-only strips" ("Interest-only securities");

Excess mortgage servicing rights ("Excess MSRs") whose underlying collateral is securitized in a trust held by a U.S. government agency or GSE (grouped with Agency RMBS interest-only securities throughout this Item 2); and

Certain Agency RMBS for which the underlying collateral is not identified until shortly (generally two days) before the purchase or sale settlement date ("TBAs").

Residential Investments

Our investment portfolio also includes a significant portion of Residential Investments. The Residential Investments that we own include RMBS that are not issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae or a GSE, which we refer to as our Non-Agency RMBS. Our Non-Agency RMBS include investment grade and non-investment grade fixed and floating-rate securities. We categorize certain of our Residential Investments by weighted average credit score at origination:

Prime (weighted average credit score above 700)

Alt-A (weighted average credit score between 700 and 620); and

Subprime (weighted average credit score below 620)

The Residential Investments that we do not categorize by weighted average credit score at origination include our:

RMBS Interest-Only securities (Non-Agency RMBS backed by interest-only strips)

Excess MSRs whose underlying collateral is securitized in a trust not held by a U.S. government agency or GSE (grouped with RMBS Interest-Only securities throughout this Item 2)

CRTs (defined below)

RPL/NPL (described below); and

Residential Whole Loans (described below).

Credit Risk Transfer securities ("CRTs") include:

Unguaranteed and unsecured mezzanine, junior mezzanine and first loss securities issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to transfer their exposure to mortgage default risk to private investors. These securities reference a specific pool of newly originated single family mortgages from a specified time period (typically around the time of origination). The risk of loss on the reference pool of mortgages is transferred to investors who may experience losses when adverse credit events such as defaults, liquidations or delinquencies occur in the underlying mortgages. Owners of these securities receive an uncapped floating interest rate equal to a predetermined spread over one-month LIBOR.

RPL/NPL include:

·Mortgage-backed securities collateralized by re-performing mortgage loans ("RPL") and/or non-performing mortgage loans ("NPL"). The RPL/NPL that we own represent the senior and mezzanine tranches of such securitizations. These RPL/NPL securitizations are structured with significant credit enhancement (typically, approximately 50% to the senior tranche and 40% to the mezzanine tranche), which mitigates our exposure to credit risk on these securities.

"Credit enhancement" refers to the value of the subordinated tranches available to absorb all credit losses prior to those losses being allocated to more senior tranches. For a senior tranche in this type of securitization to experience loss, the value of the collateral underlying the securitization would have to decrease by 50%. Subordinate tranches typically receive no cash flow (interest or principal) until the senior and mezzanine tranches have been paid off. In addition, the RPL/NPL that we own contain an "interest rate step-up" feature, whereby the interest rate or "coupon" on the senior tranche increases by typically 300 basis points or typically 400 basis points in the case of mezzanine tranches (a "step up") if the security that we hold has not been redeemed or repurchased by the issuer within 36 months of issuance. We expect that the combination of the priority cash flow of the senior and mezzanine tranches and the 36-month step-up feature will result in these securities exhibiting short average lives and, accordingly, reduced interest rate sensitivity.

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RPLs or NPLs in securitized form that we purchase from an affiliate (or affiliates) of the Manager. The securitizations typically take the form of various classes of notes and a trust certificate.

RPLs or NPLs that we hold through interests in certain consolidated trusts. These investments are included in the "Residential mortgage loans, at fair value" line item on our consolidated balance sheets.

Commercial Investments

We also invest in Commercial Investments. Our Commercial Investments include commercial mortgage-backed securities, or CMBS, Freddie Mac K-Series CMBS (described below), CMBS interest-only securities (CMBS backed by interest-only strips) and commercial mortgage loans.

Freddie Mac K-Series CMBS ("K-Series CMBS") include:

CMBS, CMBS interest-only and CMBS principal-only securities which are regularly-issued by Freddie Mac as pass-through securities backed by multifamily mortgage loans. These K-Series CMBS feature a wide range of investor options which include guaranteed senior and interest-only bonds as well as unguaranteed senior, mezzanine, subordinate and interest-only bonds. Our K-Series CMBS portfolio includes unguaranteed senior, mezzanine, subordinate and interest-only bonds. Throughout Item 2, we categorize our Freddie Mac K-Series CMBS interest-only bonds as part of our "CMBS Interest-Only" assets.

ABS

We also invest in asset backed securities, or ABS. Our ABS portfolio may include securities collateralized by various asset classes, including automobiles, credit cards and student loans, among others.

Investment classification

Throughout this Item 2, (1) we use the terms "credit portfolio" and "credit investments" to refer to our Residential Investments, Commercial Investments and ABS, inclusive of investments held within affiliated entities but exclusive of AG Arc (discussed below); (2) we refer to our residential mortgage loans (exclusive of our Residential Whole Loans) and commercial mortgage loans, collectively, as our "loans"; (3) we use the term "credit securities" to refer to our credit portfolio, excluding Excess MSRs and loans; and (4) we use the term "real estate securities" or "securities" to refer to our Agency RMBS portfolio, exclusive of Excess MSRs, and our credit securities. Our "investment portfolio" refers to our combined Agency RMBS portfolio and credit portfolio and encompasses all of the investments described above.

We also use the term "GAAP investment portfolio" which consists of (i) our Agency RMBS, exclusive of TBAs (our "GAAP Agency RMBS portfolio") and (ii) our credit portfolio, exclusive of (x) all investments held within affiliated entities (our "GAAP credit portfolio"), and (y) any investments classified as "Other assets" on our consolidated balance sheets. See Note 2 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of our investments held within affiliated entities.

This presentation of our investment portfolio is consistent with how our management evaluates our business, and we believe this presentation, when considered with the GAAP presentation, provides supplemental information useful for investors in evaluating our investment portfolio and financial condition.

Arc Home LLC

In December 2015, we, alongside private funds under the management of Angelo, Gordon, through AG Arc LLC, one of our indirect subsidiaries ("AG Arc"), formed Arc Home LLC ("Arc Home"). In June 2016, Arc Home closed on the acquisition of a Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Housing Administration ("FHA"), Veteran's Administration ("VA") and Ginnie Mae seller/servicer of mortgages with licenses to conduct business in 47 states, including Washington D.C. Through this subsidiary, Arc Home originates conforming, Government, Jumbo and other non-conforming residential mortgage loans, retains the mortgage servicing rights associated with the loans that it originates, and purchases additional mortgage servicing rights from third-party sellers.

Market overview

Spreads for most Agency RMBS, Residential Investment and ABS markets tightened during the third quarter, resulting in a 3.5% increase in our book value. Legacy RMBS securities continue to benefit from a combination of strong demand and stable fundamentals. Additionally, the supply/demand imbalance in legacy RMBS help fuel a further tightening in new issue spreads. During the quarter, the Federal Reserve laid out its plan for implementing the gradual reduction of its balance sheet reinvestment. This allowed for Agency RMBS to realize their best spread performance of the year, with nominal spreads tightening to benchmark rates by eight to ten basis points during the quarter. Relatively rangebound interest rates, subdued implied volatility and modest supply have continued to serve as a favorable backdrop for Agency RMBS and support our tactical rotation of capital to the sector. The Credit Risk

Transfer ("CRT") sector initially rallied during the quarter, but the arrival of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma put heavy pressure on spreads. Relatively benign loss estimates following the hurricanes caused spreads to retrace some of the widening and the mezzanine tranches that we own ultimately ended the quarter unchanged.

Housing, economic and interest rate trends

Inclusive of distressed sales, home prices nationwide increased by 6.9% on a year-over-year basis in August 2017 as compared with August 2016, according to data released by CoreLogic. This marks the 67th consecutive monthly increase year-over-year in national home prices. The housing market remains strong, and we expect home price appreciation to persist around current levels due to tight supply conditions across most of the nation. The U.S. government agencies and the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") policy sponsorship of housing via lower mortgage rates coupled with a stable broader domestic economy have provided support for the housing market recovery.

According to CoreLogic, the aggregate negative equity value (homes where the homeowner owes more on the home than the home is worth) decreased \$700 million to \$284.4 billion in the second quarter of 2017, from \$285.1 billion in the second quarter of 2016, a decrease of 0.2%. For much of the country, the negative equity epidemic that developed during the 2008-2009 recession has lifted due to the rise in home prices over the past five years. Additionally, credit performance in terms of serious delinquencies and subsequent default rates continued to be stable-to-improving in 2017 and is anticipated to remain stable in the near future.

At its September meeting, the Fed maintained the federal funds interest rate but commenced its previously communicated plan for reducing the size of its balance sheet. Progress continues to be made with respect to the Fed's dual mandate of full employment and price stability, as unemployment remains below 5%, however inflation has softened recently in response to a series of transitory factors. In the September update of its Summary of Economic Projections, the Fed increased its median forecast for real GDP growth in 2017 and 2019 and maintained its median forecast for 2018 as well decreased its median forecast for the unemployment rate in 2018 and 2019. Ultimately, in light of both a cyclically and structurally depressed neutral interest rate, the Fed may not be able to raise the federal funds rate in-line with its median projected rate of 2.1% by the end of 2018. This, combined with a persistent global bid for high quality fixed income securities, supports a benign range bound outlook for interest rates through year end.

The rise in savings rates since the financial crisis, continued low interest rates, steady employment gains and low energy costs have all contributed to significant improvement in the consumer's balance sheet. This continues to fuel our optimism about the prospects of further housing recovery and longer term moderate home price appreciation. However, we expect that, without an increase in median income, the pace of home price appreciation is likely to moderate over the coming years.

The market movements outlined above may have a meaningful impact on our operating results and our existing portfolio and may cause us to adjust our investment and financing strategies over time as new opportunities emerge and the risk profiles of our business changes.

Recent government activity

The current regulatory environment may be impacted by future legislative developments, such as amendments to key provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act or significant reform of the Internal Revenue Code, including significant changes to the taxation of business entities. There is a lack of clarity around both the timing and the exact details of any such tax or regulatory reform and the impact of such potential reform on our operations.

Results of operations

Our operating results can be affected by a number of factors and primarily depend on the size and composition of our investment portfolio, the level of our net interest income, the market value of our assets and the supply of, and demand for, our target assets in the marketplace, which can be impacted by unanticipated credit events, such as defaults, liquidations or delinquencies, experienced by borrowers whose mortgage loans are included in our RMBS. Our primary source of net income available to common stockholders is our net interest income, less our cost of hedging, which represents the difference between the interest earned on our investment portfolio and the costs of financing and hedging our investment portfolio. Our net interest income varies primarily as a result of changes in market interest rates, prepayment speeds, as measured by the Constant Prepayment Rate ("CPR") on the Agency RMBS in our investment portfolio, and our funding and hedging costs.

The table below presents certain information from our consolidated statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017]	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017]	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
Statement of Operations Data: Net Interest Income								
Interest income	\$ 33,592,587	9	\$ 30,573,134		\$ 92,773,014	9	\$ 91,470,588	
Interest expense	11,959,225		8,525,365		30,322,030		25,482,661	
•	21,633,362		22,047,769		62,450,984		65,987,927	
Other Income								
Net realized gain/(loss)	22,286		9,578,488		(12,527,278)	(8,725,255)
Realized loss on periodic interest								
settlements of derivative instruments,	(2,147,452)	(1,034,251)	(5,614,971)	(5,019,565)
net Upraelized gain/(loss) on real estate								
Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net	14,892,809		13,461,216		53,189,925		33,260,103	
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative								
and other instruments, net	2,422,713		6,961,061		4,224,010		(4,792,369)
Other income	2,325		341,345		34,207		368,731	
	15,192,681		29,307,859		39,305,893		15,091,645	
Emanasa								
Expenses Management fee to affiliate	2,454,083		2,451,387		7,373,679		7,322,312	
Other operating expenses	2,602,473		2,870,662		8,247,060		8,581,726	
Servicing fees	22,991		121,806		184,993		359,150	
Equity based compensation to affiliate	60,859		75,774		225,877		217,928	
Excise tax	375,000		238,167		1,125,000		988,167	
	5,515,406		5,757,796		17,156,609		17,469,283	
Income/(loss) before equity in	31,310,637		45,597,832		84,600,268		63,610,289	
earnings/(loss) from affiliates Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates	4,700,800		534,133		9,699,962		1,154,390	
Net Income/(Loss)	36,011,437		46,131,965		94,300,230		64,764,679	
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Dividends on preferred stock	3,367,354		3,367,354		10,102,062		10,102,062	
Net Income/(Loss) Available to								
Common Stockholders	\$ 32,644,083		\$ 42,764,611		\$ 84,198,168		\$ 54,662,617	

Share Data:

Earnings/(Loss) Per Share of Common

Stock

Basic	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.95
Diluted	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.95

Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stockholders

Net income/(loss) available to common stockholders decreased \$10.2 million from \$42.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 to \$32.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, primarily due to one time realized gains taken on certain real estate securities and loans for the three months ended September 30, 2016, lower derivative prices, which decreased our "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net," and higher financing costs, which increased our "Interest expense."

Net income/(loss) available to common stockholders increased \$29.5 million from \$54.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 to \$84.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, primarily due to higher prices on our securities, which increased our "Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net," coupled with higher derivative prices, which increased our "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net," offset by higher financing costs, which increased our "Interest expense."

Interest income

Interest income is calculated using the effective interest method for our GAAP investment portfolio and calculated based on the actual coupon rate and the outstanding principal balance on our U.S. Treasury securities.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

Interest income increased by \$3.0 million from \$30.6 million at September 30, 2016 to \$33.6 million at September 30, 2017 primarily due to an increase in the weighted average cost of our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities period over period by \$0.4 billion from \$2.8 billion at September 30, 2016 to \$3.2 billion at September 30, 2017. This was offset by a decrease in the weighted average yield on our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable, during the period of 0.10% from 4.35% at September 30, 2016 to 4.25% at September 30, 2017.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

Interest income increased by \$1.3 million from \$91.5 million at September 30, 2016 to \$92.8 million at September 30, 2017 primarily due to an increase in the weighted average yield on our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities during the period of 0.33% from 4.19% at September 30, 2016 to 4.52% at September 30, 2017. This was offset by a decrease in the weighted average cost of our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable, period over period by \$0.2 billion from \$2.9 billion at September 30, 2016 to \$2.7 billion at September 30, 2017.

Interest expense

Interest expense is calculated based on the actual financing rate and the outstanding financing balance of our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

Interest expense increased by \$3.5 million from \$8.5 million at September 30, 2016 to \$12.0 million at September 30, 2017 primarily due to an increase in the weighted average financing rate on our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable, during the period, by 0.40% from 1.49% at September 30, 2016 to 1.89% at September 30, 2017. This was coupled with an increase in the weighted average financing balance on our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities during the period of \$0.2 billion from \$2.3 billion at September 30, 2016 to \$2.5 billion at September 30, 2017. Refer to the "Financing activities" section below for a discussion of our cost of funds.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

Interest expense increased by \$4.8 million from \$25.5 million at September 30, 2016 to \$30.3 million at September 30, 2017 primarily due to an increase in the weighted average financing rate on our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable, during the period, by 0.44% from 1.42% at September 30, 2016 to 1.86% at September 30, 2017. This was offset by a decrease in the weighted average financing balance on our GAAP investment portfolio and U.S. Treasury securities during the period of \$0.2 billion from \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2016 to \$2.2 billion at September 30, 2017. Refer to the "Financing activities" section below for a discussion of our cost of funds.

Net realized gain/(loss)

Net realized gain/(loss) represents the net gain or loss recognized on any sales out of our GAAP investment portfolio, Other assets, derivatives, or other instruments, other-than-temporary-impairment ("OTTI") charges recorded during the period, as well as transfers from Residential mortgage loans to Other assets. Refer to Note 2, Note 3 and Note 4 of the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)" for further discussion on OTTI. The following table presents a summary of Net realized gain/(loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, respectively:

	Three Month	s Ended	Nine Months	Nine Months Ended				
	September	September 30,	September	September 30,				
	30, 2017	2016	30, 2017	2016				
Real Estate Securities	2,365,126	9,806,146	1,274,428	9,050,494				
Loans	-	3,407,112	2,333,855	3,407,112				
Loans transferred to Other assets	(140,733)	277,978	(56,764)	277,978				
Sale of Other assets	(189,957)	295,919	(374,613)	295,918				
Settlement of TBAs	1,671,836	420,547	3,002,891	445,586				
Settlement of certain derivatives and other instruments	(1,714,187)	(3,609,103) (11,896,957)	(8,776,734)			
OTTI	(1,969,799)	(1,020,111) (6,810,118)	(13,425,609)			
Total Net realized gain/(loss)	22,286	9,578,488	(12,527,278)	(8,725,255)			

Realized loss on periodic interest settlement of derivative instruments, net

Realized loss on periodic interest settlement of derivative instruments, net represents the net interest expense paid on our interest rate swaps.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

Realized loss on periodic interest settlement of derivative instruments, net increased by \$1.1 million from \$1.0 million at September 30, 2016 to \$2.1 million at September 30, 2017 due to an increase in the weighted average swap notional from \$0.4 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2016 to \$1.8 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2017. This was offset by an increase in the average three-month LIBOR rate from 0.787% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 to 1.315% for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

Realized loss on periodic interest settlement of derivative instruments, net increased by \$0.6 million from \$5.0 million at September 30, 2016 to \$5.6 million at September 30, 2017 due to an increase in the weighted average swap notional from \$0.6 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 to \$1.2 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. This was offset by an increase in the average three-month LIBOR rate from 0.686% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 to 1.197% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net

Refer to the "Market overview" section of this Item 2 for a discussion of the changes in market pricing which drive our "Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net" and "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net" line items. Realized gains and losses on sales also generally impact unrealized gains and losses.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net was \$14.9 million and \$13.5 million, respectively. The \$14.9 million at September 30, 2017 was comprised of unrealized gains on securities and loans of \$14.3 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, during the period.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net was \$53.2 million and \$33.3 million, respectively. The \$53.2 million at September 30, 2017 was comprised of unrealized gains on securities and loans of \$52.5 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, during the period.

Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net

Refer to the "Market overview" section of this Item 2 for a discussion of the changes in market pricing which drive our "Unrealized gain/(loss) on real estate securities and loans, net" and "Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net" line items. Realized gains and losses on sales also generally impact unrealized gains and losses.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net was \$2.4 million and \$7.0 million, respectively. The \$2.4 million at September 30, 2017 was comprised primarily of unrealized gains on interest rate swaps during the period.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative and other instruments, net was \$4.2 million and \$(4.8) million, respectively. The \$4.2 million at September 30, 2017 was comprised of unrealized gains on certain derivatives of \$5.2 million, offset by unrealized losses on TBAs of \$1.0 million during the period.

Other income

Other income pertains to certain fees we receive on our residential mortgage loans.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Other income was \$2,325 and \$341,345, respectively. The decrease in Other income pertains to increased fees we received on one of our residential mortgage loan pools during the three months ended September 30, 2016.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Other income was \$34,207 and \$368,731, respectively. The decrease in Other income pertains to increased fees we received on one of our residential mortgage loan pools during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Management fee to affiliate

Our management fee is based upon a percentage of our Stockholders' Equity after excluding unrealized gains or losses and other non-cash items. See the "Contractual obligations" section of this Item 2 for further detail on the calculation of our management fee and for the definition of Stockholders' Equity.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, our management fees were \$2.5 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. Management fees increased slightly due to the increase in our Stockholders' Equity as calculated pursuant to our Management Agreement.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, our management fees were \$7.4 million and \$7.3 million, respectively. Management fees increased slightly due to the increase in our Stockholders' Equity as calculated pursuant to our Management Agreement.

Other operating expenses

These amounts are primarily comprised of professional fees, directors' and officers' ("D&O") insurance and directors' fees, as well as certain expenses reimbursable to the Manager. We are required to reimburse our Manager or its affiliates for operating expenses which are incurred by our Manager or its affiliates on our behalf, including certain salary expenses and other expenses relating to legal, accounting, due diligence and other services. Refer to the "Contractual obligations" section below for more detail on certain expenses reimbursable to the Manager.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 other operating expenses were \$2.6 million. This balance, exclusive of certain expenses reimbursable to the Manager, was comprised primarily of (i) \$0.3 million related to professional fees, (ii) \$0.2 million related to residential mortgage loan related expenses (iii) \$0.1 million related to D&O insurance, and (iv) \$0.1 million related to directors' fees and stock compensation.

For the three months ended September 30, 2016 other operating expenses were \$2.9 million. This balance, exclusive of certain expenses reimbursable to the Manager, was comprised primarily of (i) \$0.4 million related to professional fees, (ii) \$0.2 million related to residential mortgage loan related expenses (iii) \$0.2 million related to D&O insurance, and (iv) \$0.1 million related to directors' fees and stock compensation.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 other operating expenses were \$8.2 million. This balance, exclusive of certain expenses reimbursable to the Manager, was comprised primarily of (i) \$1.1 million related to professional fees, (ii) \$0.6 million related to residential mortgage loan related expenses (iii) \$0.5 million related to D&O insurance, and (iv) \$0.4 million related to directors' fees and stock compensation.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 other operating expenses were \$8.6 million. This balance, exclusive of certain expenses reimbursable to the Manager, was comprised primarily of (i) \$1.2 million related to professional fees, (ii) \$0.6 million related to residential mortgage loan related expenses (iii) \$0.6 million related to D&O insurance, and (iv) \$0.3 million related to directors' fees and stock compensation.

Servicing fees

We incur servicing fee expenses in connection with the servicing of our residential mortgage loans. As of September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, we owned Residential mortgage loans with fair market value of \$23.9 million and \$42.6 million, respectively.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 our servicing fees were \$22,991 and \$121,806, respectively. The decrease in fees primarily pertains to sales of residential mortgage loans from prior periods.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 our servicing fees were \$184,993 and \$359,150, respectively. The decrease in fees primarily pertains to sales of residential mortgage loans during the period.

Equity based compensation to affiliate

Equity based compensation to affiliates represents the amortization of the fair value of our restricted stock units remeasured quarterly, less the present value of dividend expected to be paid on the underlying shares through the requisite period.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

Equity based compensation to affiliates remained relatively flat period over period for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

Equity based compensation to affiliates remained relatively flat period over period for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016.

Excise tax

Excise tax represents a four percent tax on the required amount of our ordinary income and net capital gains not distributed during the year. The quarterly expense is calculated in accordance with applicable tax regulations.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 we recorded excise tax expense of \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The increase pertains to the receipt of a tax refund in 2016 as a result of filing our 2015 tax return.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 we recorded excise tax expense of \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. The increase pertains to the receipt of a tax refund in 2016 as a result of filing our 2015 tax return.

Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates

Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates represents our share of earnings and profits of investments held within affiliated entities. A majority of these investments are comprised of real estate securities, loans and our investment in AG Arc.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, we recorded Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates of \$4.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. The increase primarily pertains to a larger portfolio due to additions to investments held within affiliated entities, coupled with increased security prices.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, we recorded Equity in earnings/(loss) from affiliates of \$9.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. The increase primarily pertains to gains recognized on a sold security, additions to the portfolio of investments held within affiliated entities and increased security prices.

Book value per share

As of September 30, 2017, December 31, 2016 and September 30, 2016, our book value per common share was \$19.35, \$17.86 and \$18.49, respectively.

Presentation of investment, financing and hedging activities

In the "Investment activities," "Financing activities," "Hedging activities" and "Liquidity and capital resources" sections of this Item 2, where we disclose our investment portfolio and the related repurchase agreements that finance it, we have presented this information inclusive of (i) unconsolidated ownership interests in affiliates that are accounted for under GAAP using the equity method and (ii) TBAs, which are accounted for as derivatives under GAAP. Our investment portfolio and the related repurchase agreements that finance it are presented along with a reconciliation to GAAP. This presentation of our investment portfolio is consistent with how our management evaluates the business, and we believe this presentation, when considered with the GAAP presentation, provides supplemental information useful for investors in evaluating our investment portfolio and financial condition. See Note 2 to the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)" for a discussion of investments in debt and equity of affiliates and TBAs.

Net interest margin

Net interest margin is calculated by subtracting the weighted average cost of funds from the weighted average yield for our investment portfolio, which excludes cash held by us and any net TBA position. The weighted average yield on our investment portfolio represents an effective interest rate, which utilizes all estimates of future cash flows and adjusts for actual prepayment and cash flow activity as of quarter-end. The weighted average cost of funds is the sum of the weighted average funding costs on total financing outstanding at quarter-end and our weighted average hedging cost, which is the weighted average of the net pay rate on our interest rate swaps, the net receive/pay rate on our Treasury long and short positions, respectively, and the net receivable rate on our IO index derivatives, if any. Both elements of cost of funds are weighted by the outstanding repurchase agreements on our investment portfolio, securitized debt, and loan participation payable at quarter-end, exclusive of repurchase agreements associated with U.S. Treasury securities.

Our GAAP net interest margin is calculated by subtracting the weighted average cost of funds on our GAAP investment portfolio from the weighted average yield for our GAAP investment portfolio, which excludes cash held by us and any net TBA position. Both elements of cost of funds on our GAAP investment portfolio are weighted by the outstanding repurchase agreements on our GAAP investment portfolio, securitized debt, and loan participation payable at quarter-end, exclusive of repurchase agreements associated with U.S. Treasury securities.

See below for a chart setting forth the net interest margin from our investment portfolio as of September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 and for a reconciliation to our GAAP investment portfolio:

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Weighted Average	GAAP Investment Portfolio	(Other Assets		Investments in Deland Equity of Affiliate		Investment Portfolio (1)	
Yield	4.49	%	7.58	%	13.74	%	4.69	%
Cost of Funds	2.12	%	-		3.51	%	2.12	%
Net Interest Margin	2.37	%	7.58	%	10.23	%	2.57	%
September 30, 2016 Weighted Average	GAAP Investment Portfolio	ä	Investments in Deb and Equity of Affiliates	ot	Investment Portfol (1)	lio		
Yield	4.57	%	13.08	%	4.73	%		
Cost of Funds	1.74	%	3.30	%	1.76	%		
Net Interest Margin	2.83	%	9.78	%	2.97	%		

(1) Excludes any net TBA position.

Core Earnings

We define core earnings, a non-GAAP financial measure, as Net Income/(loss) available to common stockholders excluding both unrealized and realized gains/(losses) on the sale or termination of securities and the related tax expense/benefit or disposition expense, if any, on such sale, including (i) investments held in affiliated entities and (ii) derivatives. As defined, Core Earnings include the net interest and other income earned on these investments on a yield adjusted basis, including credit derivatives, investments in debt and equity of affiliates, inverse Agency Interest-Only securities, interest rate derivatives, TBA drop income or any other investment activity that may earn or pay net interest or its economic equivalent. One of our objectives is to generate net income from net interest margin on the portfolio, and management uses Core Earnings to measure this objective. Management believes that this non-GAAP measure, when considered with the Company's GAAP financials, provides supplemental information useful for investors in evaluating our results of operations. This metric, in conjunction with related GAAP measures, provides greater transparency into the information used by our management in its financial and operational decision-making. Our presentation of Core Earnings may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures of other companies, who may use different calculations. This non-GAAP measure should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, the financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Our GAAP financial results and the reconciliations from these results should be carefully evaluated. Refer to the "Results of Operations" section above for a detailed discussion of our GAAP financial results.

A reconciliation of "Net Income/(loss) available to common stockholders" to Core Earnings for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 is set forth below:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
Net Income/(loss) available to common stockholders Add (Deduct):	\$ 32,644,083	\$ 42,764,611	\$ 84,198,168	\$ 54,662,617
Net realized (gain)/loss	(22,286) (9,578,488) 12,527,278	8,725,255
Drop income	1,525,466	129,883	2,626,313	216,927
Equity in (earnings)/loss from affiliates	(4,700,800) (534,133) (9,699,962) (1,154,390)
Net interest income and expenses from equity method investments (1)	2,195,983	1,653,043	6,457,822	3,218,360
Unrealized (gain)/loss on real estate securities and loans, net	(14,892,809) (13,461,216) (53,189,925) (33,260,103)
Unrealized (gain)/loss on derivative and other instruments, net	(2,422,713) (6,961,061) (4,224,010) 4,792,369
Core Earnings	\$ 14,326,924	\$ 14,012,639	\$ 38,695,684	\$ 37,201,035
Core Earnings, per Diluted Share	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.33

⁽¹⁾ For the three months ended September 30, 2017, we recognized \$0.1 million or \$0.00 per share of net income/(loss) attributed to our investment in AG Arc. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we recognized \$0.5 million or \$0.02 per share of net income/(loss) attributed tko our investment in AG Arc. For the three months ended September 30, 2016, we recognized \$0.2 million or \$0.01 per share of net income/(loss) attributed to our investment in AG Arc. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we recognized \$(0.3) million or \$(0.01) per share of net income/(loss) attributed to our investment in AG Arc.

Investment activities

We evaluate investments in Agency RMBS using factors including expected future prepayment trends, supply of and demand for Agency RMBS, costs of financing, costs of hedging, expected future interest rate volatility and the overall shape of the U.S. Treasury and interest rate swap yield curves. Prepayment speeds, as reflected by the CPR and interest rates vary according to the type of investment, conditions in financial markets, competition and other factors, none of which can be predicted with any certainty. In general, as prepayment speeds on our Agency RMBS portfolio increase, the related purchase premium amortization increases, thereby reducing the net yield on such assets.

Our credit investments are subject to risk of loss with regard to principal and interest payments. We evaluate each investment in our credit portfolio based on the characteristics of the underlying collateral and the securitization structure. We maintain a comprehensive portfolio management process that generally includes day-to-day oversight by the portfolio management team and a quarterly credit review process for each investment that examines the need for a potential reduction in accretable yield, missed or late contractual payments, significant declines in collateral performance, prepayments, projected defaults, loss severities and other data which may indicate a potential issue in our ability to recover our capital from the investment. These processes are designed to enable our Manager to evaluate and proactively manage asset-specific credit issues and identify credit trends on a portfolio-wide basis. Nevertheless, we cannot be certain that our review will identify all issues within our portfolio due to, among other things, adverse economic conditions or events adversely affecting specific assets. Therefore, potential future losses may also stem from issues with our investments that are not identified by our credit reviews.

The risk-reward profile of our investment opportunities changes continuously with the market, including with labor, housing and economic fundamentals and U.S. monetary policy. As a result, in reacting to market conditions and taking into account a variety of other factors, including liquidity, duration, interest rate expectations and hedging, the mix of our assets changes over time. Our portfolio management and investment decisions have led to a decrease in the size of our portfolio over time.

As of September 30, 2017, we had a \$3.3 billion GAAP investment portfolio, which consisted of \$2.1 billion, or 61.7%, of assets in our GAAP Agency RMBS portfolio and \$1.2 billion, or 38.3%, of assets in our GAAP credit portfolio. As of September 30, 2017, our investment portfolio totaled \$3.5 billion, which consisted of \$2.2 billion, or 61.7%, of assets in our Agency RMBS portfolio and \$1.3 billion, or 38.3%, of assets in our credit portfolio. This compares with a \$2.4 billion GAAP investment portfolio as of December 31, 2016, which consisted of \$1.1 billion, or 43.5%, of assets in our GAAP Agency RMBS portfolio and \$1.3 billion, or 56.5%, of assets in our GAAP credit portfolio. As of December 31, 2016, our investment portfolio was \$2.5 billion, which consisted of \$1.1 billion, or 43.5%, of assets in our Agency RMBS portfolio and \$1.4 billion, or 56.5%, of assets in our credit portfolio.

The following table presents a general summary of our investment portfolio as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	Amortized Cost		Fair Value		Weighted Average Yield	i	Weighte Average Funding (a)		Net Mar
	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2017	eDecembe 31, 2016	Septemb 30, 2017	Decemb 31, 2016	30, 201
Agency RMBS	\$2,167,255,767	\$1,104,119,758	\$2,180,978,238	\$1,108,913,726	3.18 %	3.17 %	1.33 %	0.97 %	1.8
Residential Investments	904,548,485	1,071,183,137	963,278,080	1,091,168,253	6.42 %	6.31 %	2.64 %	2.37 %	3.7
Commercial Investments	329,828,326	327,333,471	336,535,328	325,740,321	8.39 %	7.91 %	2.72 %	2.50 %	5.6
ABS	53,232,661	21,667,978	53,223,788	21,231,956	8.73 %	6.32 %	2.98 %	2.33 %	5.7
Total: Investment Portfolio	\$3,454,865,239	\$2,524,304,344	\$3,534,015,434	\$2,547,054,256	4.69 %	5.18 %	2.12 %	2.02 %	2.5
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$74,575,924	\$65,120,616	\$76,538,053	\$63,561,582	13.74%	14.54%	3.51 %	3.51 %	10.
Other Assets	\$248,103	\$-	\$243,207	\$-	7.58 %	-	N/A	N/A	7.5
TBAs	\$121,583,125	\$51,427,734	\$121,125,315	\$51,250,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/
Total: GAAP Investment Portfolio	\$3,258,458,087	\$2,407,755,994	\$3,336,108,859	\$2,432,242,674	4.49 %	4.94 %	2.12 %	2.01 %	2.3

⁽a) Total weighted average funding cost and total net interest margin includes cost of hedging. (b) Leverage ratio is calculated off of allocated equity. Total leverage ratio includes any net receivables on TBAs.

(c) Refer to the Financing activities section below for an aggregate breakout of leverage.

In managing our portfolio, we allocate our equity by investment using the fair market value of our investment portfolio, less any associated leverage, inclusive of any long TBA position (at cost). We allocate all non-investment portfolio related items based on their respective characteristics in order to sum to stockholders' equity per the consolidated balance sheets. Our equity allocation method is a non-GAAP methodology and may not be comparable

⁽c) Refer to the "Financing activities" section below for an aggregate breakout of leverage.

to the similarly titled measure or concepts of other companies, who may use different calculations.

The following table presents a summary of the allocated equity of our investment portfolio as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	Allocated Equ September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	Percen Septem 30, 2017		f Equity The December 31, 2016		
Agency RMBS	279,215,794	189,280,511	39.5	%	28.9	%	
Residential Investments	242,870,226	306,911,537	34.4	%	46.8	%	
Commercial Investments	157,641,180	153,225,309	22.3	%	23.4	%	
ABS	26,898,681	6,459,033	3.8	%	0.9	%	
Total	706,625,881	655,876,390	100.0	%	100.0	%	

The following table presents a reconciliation of our investment portfolio to our GAAP investment portfolio as of September 30, 2017:

Instrument	Current Face	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Mark-to- Market		Fair Value (1)	Weigh Averag Coupo (2)	ge	Weight Averag Yield		Weighted Average Life (Years) (3) (8)
Agency RMBS:										
30 Year Fixed Rate	\$1,676,807,359	\$1,750,830,091	\$9,552,127		\$1,760,382,218	3.77	%	3.11	%	8.62
Fixed Rate CMO	54,267,762	54,695,495	904,953		55,600,448	3.00	%	2.79	%	4.17
ARM	183,361,500	182,342,286	3,918,224		186,260,510	2.35	%	2.83	%	4.82
Inverse Interest Only	125,517,421	16,904,789	246,358		17,151,147	3.85	%	7.06	%	4.43
Interest Only and Excess MSR (4)	862,279,325	40,899,981	(441,381)	40,458,600	2.51	%	6.49	%	5.30
Fixed Rate 30 Year TBA (5)	116,000,000	121,583,125	(457,810)	121,125,315	3.80	%	N/A		N/A
Credit Investments: Residential Investments										
Prime (6)	552,016,023	438,241,782	34,739,648		472,981,430	4.39	%	6.40	%	9.51
Alt-A (6)	255,419,594	162,125,599	12,685,083		174,810,682	4.57	%	5.95	%	7.07
Subprime (6)	87,300,355	83,392,128	1,323,989		84,716,117	4.71	%	5.72	%	6.45
Credit Risk Transfer	121,512,326	121,586,944	7,010,289		128,597,233	5.03	%	5.24	%	6.56
RPL/NPL RMBS Interest	43,235,382	43,183,788	95,915		43,279,703	4.82	%	6.15	%	1.83
Only and Excess MSR (7)	433,681,726	3,580,289	(438,001)	3,142,288	0.21	%	10.26	%	3.34
Residential Whole Loans Commercial	78,512,741	52,437,955	3,312,672		55,750,627	5.32	%	11.74	%	4.51
Investments CMBS Freddie Mac	202,106,820	152,578,776	(553,507)	152,025,269	5.42	%	6.02	%	3.81
K-Series CMBS	194,814,918	63,474,420	2,267,011		65,741,431	5.98	%	14.81	%	9.88
	3,264,829,223	57,223,259	4,146,706		61,369,965	0.30	%	6.69	%	3.79

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CMBS Interest										
Only (9)										
Commercial Whole Loans	57,738,472	56,551,871	846,792		57,398,663	7.93	%	9.15	%	2.00
ABS	53,497,625	53,232,661	(8,873)	53,223,788	8.34	%	8.73	%	5.32
Total:										
Investment	\$8,362,898,572	\$3,454,865,239	\$79,150,195		\$3,534,015,434	2.20	%	4.69	%	5.63
Portfolio										
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$1,519,472,909	\$74,575,924	\$ 1,962,129		\$76,538,053	0.18	%	13.74	%	6.00
Other Assets	\$56,727,627	\$248,103	\$ (4,896)	\$243,207	N/A		7.58	%	5.64
TBAs	\$116,000,000	\$121,583,125	\$ (457,810)	\$121,125,315	3.80	%	N/A		N/A
Total: GAAP Investment Portfolio	\$6,670,698,036	\$3,258,458,087	\$77,650,772		\$3,336,108,859	2.61	%	4.49	%	5.55

- (1) Included in Residential Investments and Commercial Investments are \$9.2 million fair market value and \$67.3 million fair market value, respectively, that are included in the "Investments in debt and equity of affiliates" line item on our consolidated balance sheet.
- (2) Equity residuals, principal only securities and MSRs with a zero coupon rate are excluded from this calculation.
- (3) Fixed Rate 30 Year TBA are excluded from this calculation.
- (4) Excess MSRs whose underlying collateral is securitized in a trust held by a U.S. government agency or GSE.
- (5) Represents long positions in Fixed Rate 30 Year TBA.
- (6) Non-Agency RMBS with credit scores above 700, between 700 and 620 and below 620 at origination are classified as Prime, Alt-A, and Subprime, respectively. The weighted average credit scores of our Prime, Alt-A and Subprime Non-Agency RMBS were 724, 667 and 602, respectively.
- (7) Excess MSRs whose underlying collateral is securitized in a trust not held by a U.S. government agency or GSE.
- (8) Actual maturities of investments and loans are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Maturities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.
- (9) Includes Freddie Mac K-Series CMBS interest-only bonds.

The following table presents a reconciliation of our investment portfolio to our GAAP investment portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

Instrument	Current Face	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Mark-to- Market		Fair Value (1)	Weigh Average Coupo (1)	ge	Weighte Average Yield (2)		Weighted Average Life (Years) (3) (7)
RMBS: 30 Year Fixed Rate	\$713,234,586	\$741,572,808	\$(1,845,087)	\$739,727,721	3.64	%	2.99	%	8.68
Fixed Rate CMO	62,570,005	63,101,436	595,962		63,697,398	3.00	%	2.80	%	4.73
ARM	208,592,111	206,958,936	4,385,116		211,344,052	2.35	%	2.84	%	5.07
Inverse	99,127,607	11,977,729	377,150		12,354,879	3.50	%	7.30	%	4.35
Interest Only Interest Only	317,774,720	29,081,115	1,458,561		30,539,676	2.46	%	8.65	%	4.09
Fixed Rate 30 Year TBA (4)	50,000,000	51,427,734	(177,734)	51,250,000	3.50	%	N/A		N/A
Credit Investments: Residential Investments										
Prime (5)	619,345,362	497,837,476	14,920,082		512,757,558	4.17	%	5.98	%	10.44
Alt-A (5) Subprime (5)	279,857,391 127,967,069	181,398,827 122,497,412	4,012,575 135,065		185,411,402 122,632,477	4.54 4.04	% %	5.57 5.31	% %	7.82 4.93
Credit Risk			•				%			
Transfer	60,682,441	60,592,617	1,969,919		62,562,536	5.57		6.82	%	6.98
RPL/NPL RMBS Interest	114,976,337	114,301,187	(1,141,699)	113,159,488	4.39	%	4.88	%	1.12
Only and Excess MSR (6)	508,621,868	4,013,463	160,630		4,174,093	0.25	%	14.68	%	3.45
Residential Whole Loans Commercial	125,543,596	90,542,155	(71,456)	90,470,699	4.89	%	12.07	%	4.13
Investments CMBS Freddie Mac	209,526,282	152,985,726	(2,150,419)	150,835,307	5.04	%	6.03	%	3.22
K-Series CMBS	158,976,049	57,058,621	(733,708)	56,324,913	5.66	%	13.06	%	9.21
CMBS Interest Only (8)	2,855,494,786	57,993,758	517,543		58,511,301	0.31	%	6.48	%	3.76
JJ (0)	60,800,000	59,295,366	773,434		60,068,800	7.39	%	9.19	%	1.54

Commercial									
Whole Loans									
ABS	22,025,000	21,667,978	(436,022)	21,231,956	5.43	%	6.32	%	4.50
Total:									
Investment	\$6,595,115,210	\$2,524,304,344	\$22,749,912	\$2,547,054,256	1.99	%	5.18	%	5.26
Portfolio									
Investments in									
Debt and	\$1,057,695,652	\$65 120 616	\$(1,559,034)	\$63 561 582	0.22	%	14.54	%	5.93
Equity of	Ψ1,037,073,032	ψ05,120,010	Ψ(1,557,054)	ψ03,301,302	0.22	70	14.54	70	3.73
Affiliates									
TBAs	\$50,000,000	\$51,427,734	\$(177,734)	\$51,250,000	3.50	%	N/A		N/A
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Total: GAAP	*		******						
Investment	\$5,487,419,558	\$2,407,755,994	\$24,486,680	\$2,432,242,674	2.28	%	4.94	%	5.14
Portfolio									

- (1) Included in Residential Investments and Commercial Investments are \$9.5 million fair market value and \$54.1 million fair market value, respectively, that are included in the "Investments in debt and equity of affiliates" line item on our consolidated balance sheet.
- (2) Equity residuals, principal only securities and MSRs with a zero coupon rate are excluded from this calculation.
- (3) Fixed Rate 30 Year TBA are excluded from this calculation.
- (4) Represents long positions in Fixed Rate 30 Year TBA.
- (5) Non-Agency RMBS with credit scores above 700, between 700 and 620 and below 620 at origination are classified as Prime, Alt-A, and Subprime, respectively. The weighted average credit scores of our Prime, Alt-A and Subprime Non-Agency RMBS were 725, 667 and 603, respectively.
- (7) Excess MSRs whose underlying collateral is securitized in a trust not held by a U.S. government agency or GSE.
- (8) Actual maturities of investments and loans are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Maturities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.
- (9) Includes Freddie Mac K-Series CMBS interest-only bonds.

The following table presents certain information grouped by vintage as it relates to our credit securities portfolio as of September 30, 2017. We have also presented a reconciliation to GAAP.

Credit Securities:	Current Face	Amortized Cost	Unrealized	Fair Value	Weighted	l Weighted	Weighted
			Mark-to-		Average	Average	Average
			Market		Coupon	Yield	Life

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					(1)				(Years)
Pre 2005	\$47,516,970	\$46,115,243	\$784,694	\$46,899,937	4.76	%	7.02	%	(2) 4.25
2005	172,092,744	135,741,627	15,958,747	151,700,374	4.42	%	6.92	%	9.48
2006	236,946,515	152,839,840	14,140,725	166,980,565	4.38	%	6.21	%	8.02
2007	154,419,472	117,192,616	10,953,009	128,145,625	4.41	%	6.53	%	12.80
2008	22,512,421	18,667,752	297,249	18,965,001	6.98	%	6.66	%	8.25
2011	7,070,577	5,971,316	24,009	5,995,325	3.49	%	4.68	%	5.97
2012	73,267,348	10,932,546	123,019	11,055,565	2.04	%	5.80	%	2.57
2013	136,865,174	69,253,204	1,470,214	70,723,418	3.19	%	5.76	%	4.25
2014	1,078,393,986	70,718,411	3,605,128	74,323,539	0.41	%	10.87	%	1.55
2015	1,260,994,472	241,907,151	4,662,672	246,569,823	1.06	%	6.39	%	4.13
2016	1,372,824,219	170,598,918	8,019,946	178,618,864	0.97	%	6.76	%	5.46
2017	641,273,839	167,156,338	3,029,333	170,185,671	1.52	%	7.02	%	6.45
Total: Credit Securities	\$5,204,177,737	\$1,207,094,962	\$63,068,745	\$1,270,163,707	1.45	%	6.82	%	4.84
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$1,517,461,844	\$73,317,974	\$1,892,585	\$75,210,559	0.17	%	13.81	%	5.99
Total: GAAP Basis	\$3,686,715,893	\$1,133,776,988	\$61,176,160	\$1,194,953,148	1.92	%	6.38	%	4.37

⁽¹⁾ Equity residual investments and principal only securities are excluded from this calculation.

⁽²⁾ Actual maturities of mortgage-backed securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Actual maturities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.

The following table presents certain information grouped by vintage as it relates to our credit securities portfolio as of December 31, 2016. We have also presented a reconciliation to GAAP.

Credit Securities:	Current Face	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Mark-to- Market	Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon (1)	l Weighted Average Yield	Weighted Average Life (Years) (2)
Pre 2005	\$88,697,196	\$86,085,152	\$376,229	\$86,461,381	3.68 %	6.44 %	
2005	193,951,980	154,998,772	6,941,224	161,939,996	4.31 %	5.95 %	11.37
2006	280,083,255	182,839,758	6,743,899	189,583,657	4.14 %	6.02 %	9.50
2007	188,265,662	148,015,242	4,266,444	152,281,686	4.17 %	6.27 %	11.73
2008	16,424,000	13,638,581	491,993	14,130,574	7.00 %	5.73 %	9.06
2011	7,113,232	5,716,817	(276,523)	5,440,294	3.14 %	5.77 %	7.66
2012	81,928,364	20,325,054	(178,093)	20,146,961	2.43 %	6.04 %	2.93
2013	140,878,507	72,931,048	335,727	73,266,775	2.92 %	5.46 %	4.43
2014	1,149,462,384	122,144,577	(62,871)	122,081,706	0.56 %	9.13 %	1.76
2015	1,376,578,039	286,726,007	(3,060,150)	283,665,857	1.10 %	6.58 %	4.09
2016	1,443,943,577	227,893,324	650,169	228,543,493	1.06 %	6.31 %	5.69
Total: Credit Portfolio	\$4,967,326,196	\$1,321,314,332	\$16,228,048	\$1,337,542,380	1.51 %	6.48 %	4.92
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$1,054,695,758	\$63,163,256	\$(1,522,800)	\$61,640,456	0.21 %	14.74 %	5.93
Total: GAAP Basis	\$3,912,630,438	\$1,258,151,076	\$17,750,848	\$1,275,901,924	1.82 %	6.09 %	4.64

⁽¹⁾ Equity residual investments and principal only securities are excluded from this calculation.

The following table presents the fair value of our credit securities portfolio by credit rating as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

Credit Rating - Credit Securities (1) September 30, 2017 December 31, 2016 AAA \$71,730,504 \$88,002,613

⁽²⁾ Actual maturities of mortgage-backed securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Actual maturities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.

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513,983,690	517,043,834
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(1) Represents the minimum rating for rated assets of S&P, Moody and Fitch credit ratings, stated in terms of the S&P equivalent.

The following table presents the CPR experienced on our GAAP Agency RMBS portfolio, on an annualized basis, for the quarterly periods presented:

Three	Months	Ended	(1)	(2)
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Agency RMBS	September 30, 2017		September 30, 2016		
30 Year Fixed Rate	6	%	10	%	
Fixed Rate CMO	12	%	10	%	
ARM	13	%	19	%	
Interest Only	14	%	17	%	
Weighted Average	7	%	12	%	

(1) Represents the weighted average monthly CPRs published during the quarter for our in-place portfolio during the same period.

(2) Source: Bloomberg

The following tables present the geographic concentration of the underlying collateral for our Non-Agency RMBS and CMBS portfolios:

September 30, 2017					
Non-Agency RMBS			CMBS		
State	Percentage	;	State	Percentage	;
California	22.9	%	California	10.3	%
Florida	7.9	%	Texas	8.5	%
New York	7.0	%	New York	8.3	%
Texas	4.1	%	New Jersey	7.4	%
Georgia	3.5	%	Nevada	5.8	%
Other	54.6	%	Other	59.7	%
Total	100.0	%	Total	100.0	%

December 31, 2016					
Non-Agency RMBS			CMBS		
State	Percentage	•	State	Percentage	•
California	23.6	%	California	11.4	%
Florida	8.1	%	Texas	9.7	%
New York	7.7	%	Florida	7.7	%
Texas	4.1	%	New Jersey	6.7	%
New Jersey	3.9	%	Nevada	6.0	%
Other	52.6	%	Other	58.5	%
Total	100.0	%	Total	100.0	%

The following tables present certain information regarding credit quality for certain categories within our Non-Agency RMBS and CMBS portfolios:

September 30, 2017 Non-Agency RMBS (1)

Cotogomy	Weighted Average 60+		Weighted Average Loan	Weighted Average	
Category	Days Delinquent		Age (Months)	Credit Enhancement	
Prime	9.7	%	115.64	14.8	%
Alt-A	14.2	%	142.08	22.8	%
Subprime	18.1	%	150.87	57.9	%
Credit Risk Transfer	0.1	%	17.04	1.0	%
RPL/NPL	55.0	%	137.38	54.3	%

CMBS (1) Category

	Weighted Average 60+		Weighted Average Lo	oan Weighted Avera	age
	Days Delinquent		Age (Months)	Credit Enhance	ment
CMBS	3.4	%	36.89	16.3	%
Freddie Mac K Series CMBS	0.0	%	29.51	0.9	%

December 31, 2016 Non-Agency RMBS (1)

Catagory	Weighted Average 60+		Weighted Average Loan	Weighted Average	
Category	Days Delinquent		Age (Months)	Credit Enhance	ement
Prime	10.5	%	107.29	15.7	%
Alt-A	13.9	%	127.18	22.7	%
Subprime	17.9	%	158.67	69.4	%
Credit Risk Transfer	0.1	%	16.10	0.8	%
RPL/NPL	63.4	%	108.06	46.0	%

CMBS (1)

Catagory	Weighted Average 60+		Weighted Average Loan	Weighted Average	
Category	Days Delinquent		Age (Months)	Credit Enhancemen	t
CMBS	3.0	%	41.00	14.7	%
Freddie Mac K Series CMBS	0.0	%	26.24	1.5	%

(1) Sources: Intex, Trepp

Financing activities

We use leverage to complete the purchase of real estate securities and loans in our investment portfolio. Through September 30, 2017, our leverage has been in the form of repurchase agreements, securitized debt, and loan participations. Repurchase agreements involve the sale and a simultaneous agreement to repurchase the transferred assets or similar assets at a future date. The amount borrowed generally is equal to the fair value of the assets pledged less an agreed-upon discount, referred to as a "haircut." The size of the haircut reflects the perceived risk associated with the pledged asset. Haircuts may change as our repurchase agreements mature or roll and are sensitive to governmental regulations. We have not experienced fluctuations in our haircuts that altered our business and financing strategies for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, but we continue to monitor the regulatory environment, which may influence the timing and amount of our repurchase agreement activity. We seek to obtain financing from several different counterparties in order to reduce our financing risk related to any single counterparty. We had outstanding debt with 28 and 23 counterparties at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, on a GAAP basis.

Our repurchase agreements are accounted for as financings and require the repurchase of the transferred securities or loans or repayment of the advance at the end of each agreement's term, typically 30 to 90 days. If we maintain the beneficial interest in the specific assets pledged during the term of the borrowing, we receive the related principal and interest payments. If we do not maintain the beneficial interest in the specific assets pledged during the term of the borrowing, we will have the related principal and interest payments remitted to us by the lender. Interest rates on borrowings are fixed based on prevailing rates corresponding to the terms of the borrowings, and interest is paid at the termination of the borrowing at which time we may enter into a new borrowing arrangement at prevailing market rates with the same counterparty or repay that counterparty and negotiate financing with a different counterparty. In response to declines in fair value of pledged assets due to changes in market conditions or the publishing of monthly security paydown factors, lenders typically require us to post additional assets as collateral, pay down borrowings or establish cash margin accounts with the counterparties in order to re-establish the agreed-upon collateral requirements, referred to as margin calls. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we have met all margin call requirements.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, we noted changes in the spread of our financing arrangements, particularly on the financing of our credit portfolio. Spreads on credit repos tightened as a result of increased availability of credit financing. In addition, as a result of the rotation from credit investments to Agency RMBS in our investment portfolio, the financing on our investment portfolio is more weighted on Agency RMBS, which carry cheaper financing than credit securities. As a result, despite an increase of 25bps in the federal-funds rate in March 2017 and again in June 2017, the cost of financing increased by only 8bps from 1.72% at December 31, 2016 to 1.80% at September 30, 2017.

The following table presents the quarter-end balance, average quarterly balance and maximum balance at any month-end for the Company's (i) repurchase agreements on its investment portfolio, U.S Treasury securities, and FHLBC Advances, (ii) unlinked repurchase agreements and (iii) repurchase agreements through affiliated entities, excluding any financing utilized in our investment in AG Arc, with a reconciliation of all quarterly figures to GAAP. Refer to the "Hedging Activities" section below for more information on repurchase agreements secured by U.S. Treasury securities.

Quarter Ended	Quarter-End Balance	Average Quarterly Balance	Maximum Balance at Any Month-End
September 30, 2017			•
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,703,068,550	\$ 2,596,533,544	\$ 2,746,150,804
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	8,516,726	8,697,487	8,868,455
GAAP Basis	\$2,694,551,824	\$ 2,587,836,057	\$ 2,737,282,349
June 30, 2017			
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,265,226,741	\$ 2,209,990,873	\$ 2,339,132,696
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	8,484,353	8,805,678	9,115,429
GAAP Basis	\$2,256,742,388	\$ 2,201,185,195	\$ 2,330,017,267
March 31, 2017	, , , - ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, ,,,
Non-GAAP Basis	\$1,887,766,585	\$ 1,813,668,360	\$ 1,887,766,585
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	8,424,063	8,787,942	9,172,241
GAAP Basis	\$1,879,342,522	\$ 1,804,880,418	\$ 1,878,594,344
December 31, 2016	Ψ1,079,6 :2,622	Ψ 1,00 1,000,110	Ψ 1,0 / 0,0 × 1,0 · .
Non-GAAP Basis	\$1,910,508,715	\$ 1,972,784,763	\$ 2,009,130,688
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	9,998,909	\$ 10,525,232	11,019,272
GAAP Basis	\$1,900,509,806	\$ 1,962,259,531	\$ 1,998,111,416
September 30, 2016	Ψ1,>00,50>,000	ψ 1,7 0 2 ,237,331	Ψ 1,220,111,110
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,237,848,414	\$ 2,242,396,467	\$ 2,275,367,639
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	11,484,705	\$ 12,147,413	12,842,577
GAAP Basis	\$2,226,363,709	\$ 2,230,249,054	\$ 2,262,525,062
June 30, 2016	Ψ2,220,303,707	Ψ 2,230,213,031	Ψ 2,202,828,002
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,263,590,848	\$ 2,305,132,749	\$ 2,368,334,965
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	13,594,846	\$ 14,627,811	15,534,683
GAAP Basis	\$2,249,996,002	\$ 2,290,504,938	\$ 2,352,800,282
March 31, 2016	Ψ2,21,2,000,002	Ψ 2,2 > 0,3 0 1,3 3 0	Ψ 2 ,23 2 ,000, 2 0 2
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,573,321,330	\$ 2,559,321,654	\$ 2,582,943,709
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	16,405,130	\$ 17,168,967	17,982,309
GAAP Basis	\$2,556,916,200	\$ 2,542,152,687	\$ 2,564,961,400
December 31, 2015	Ψ2,550,510,200	Ψ 2,5 12,152,007	ψ 2 ,201,701,100
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,450,495,579	\$ 2,611,418,224	\$ 2,737,440,514
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	18,638,119	\$ 19,119,157	19,643,832
GAAP Basis	\$2,431,857,460	\$ 2,592,299,067	\$ 2,717,796,682
September 30, 2015	Ψ2,131,037,100	Ψ 2,372,277,007	Ψ 2,717,790,002
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,585,828,163	\$ 2,509,992,155	\$ 2,585,828,163
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	20,212,522	\$ 20,566,999	20,876,667
GAAP Basis	\$2,565,615,641	\$ 2,489,425,156	\$ 2,564,951,496
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June 30, 2015			
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,534,309,367	\$ 2,618,201,220	\$ 2,689,179,519
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	21,091,153	\$ 21,209,044	21,267,990
GAAP Basis	\$2,513,218,214	\$ 2,596,992,176	\$ 2,667,911,529
March 31, 2015			
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,691,920,394	\$ 2,713,017,544	\$ 2,807,851,545
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	21,305,161	\$ 21,305,161	21,305,161
GAAP Basis	\$2,670,615,233	\$ 2,691,712,383	\$ 2,786,546,384
December 31, 2014			
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,779,624,982	\$ 2,809,867,811	\$ 2,838,591,258
Less: Linked Transactions	113,363,873	\$ 130,264,304	142,279,249
Less: Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	21,305,161	\$ 18,880,600	21,305,161
GAAP Basis	\$2,644,955,948	\$ 2,660,722,907	\$ 2,675,006,848
September 30, 2014			
Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,871,453,629	\$ 2,956,548,421	\$ 3,102,782,512
Less: Linked Transactions	131,106,935	\$ 142,459,846	149,986,999
GAAP Basis	\$2,740,346,694	\$ 2,814,088,575	\$ 2,952,795,513

As noted, we finance the purchase of our investments with repurchase agreements. Our repurchase agreement balance can reasonably be expected to increase as the size of our portfolio increases through equity capital raises and as we increase our investment allocation to Agency RMBS and decrease as the size of our portfolio decreases through asset sales, principal paydowns, and as we increase our investment allocation to credit investments. Credit investments, due to their elevated risk profile, have lower allowable leverage ratios than Agency RMBS, which restricts our financing counterparties from providing as much repurchase agreement financing to us and lowers our total repurchase agreement balance.

Master repurchase agreements on our investment portfolio

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we have entered into master repurchase agreements on our investment portfolio with 39 and 37 counterparties, respectively, under which we had outstanding debt with 28 and 23 counterparties, respectively, inclusive of repurchase agreements in affiliated entities. See Note 6 to the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)" for a description of our material master repurchase agreements.

Our MRAs generally include customary representations, warranties, and covenants, but may also contain more restrictive supplemental terms and conditions. Although specific to each MRA, typical supplemental terms include requirements of minimum equity, leverage ratios, performance triggers or other financial ratios.

The following table presents the reconciliation of certain financial information related to repurchase agreements secured by real estate securities to information on a GAAP basis as of September 30, 2017:

Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted Average Rate	I	Weighted Average Days to Maturity	Weighted Average Haircut	
Overnight	107,066,000	1.26	%	2	3.0	%
30 days or less	2,041,360,000	1.77	%	12	9.6	%
31-60 days	369,334,000	1.87	%	43	10.3	%
61-90 days	19,965,000	2.79	%	76	26.2	%
91-180 days	111,027,000	1.55	%	107	10.0	%
Greater than 180 days	15,935,164	3.06	%	464	21.7	%
Total: Non-GAAP Basis	\$2,664,687,164	1.77	%	23	9.6	%
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$5,337,164	3.45	%	503	29.8	%
Total: GAAP Basis	\$2,659,350,000	1.76	%	22	9.6	%

The following table presents the reconciliation of certain financial information related to repurchase agreements secured by real estate securities to information on a GAAP basis as of December 31, 2016:

Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted	Weighted	Weighted
		Average	Average	Average
		Rate	Days to	Haircut

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Overnight	\$70,899,000	0.66	%	3	3.5	%
30 days or less	961,185,000	1.79	%	11	14.7	%
31-60 days	465,776,000	1.23	%	47	8.6	%
61-90 days	129,119,000	1.69	%	72	13.2	%
91-180 days	16,897,000	2.81	%	151	21.6	%
Greater than 180 days	214,175,906	1.97	%	293	5.2	%
Total: Non-GAAP Basis	\$1,858,051,906	1.63	%	57	11.6	%
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$4,882,802	3.51	%	350	26.0	%
Total: GAAP Basis	\$1,853,169,104	1.63	%	57	11.5	%

The following table presents the reconciliation of certain financial information related to repurchase agreements secured by residential mortgage loans and real estate owned to information on a GAAP basis as of September 30, 2017:

Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within:	Balance	Weighted Average Rate		Weighted Average Funding Cost		Weighted Average Days to Maturity	Weighted Average Haircut	
Greater than 180 days: Non-GAAP Basis	16,585,386	3.72	%	3.90	%	545	34.2	%
Investments in Debt and Equity of Affiliates	\$3,179,562	3.61	%	3.61	%	694	30.0	%
Total: GAAP Basis	\$13,405,824	3.74	%	3.97	%	510	35.2	%

The following table presents the reconciliation of certain financial information related to repurchase agreements secured by residential mortgage loans and real estate owned to information on a GAAP basis as of December 31, 2016:

Repurchase Agreements Maturing Within: Balance